

Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor

Behavior Guidelines

Purpose:

To communicate and regulate the actions, requirements and standards of behavior at Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor Youth Ministry events and or at church sponsored events.

1. Unacceptable behaviors for church-(youth ministry) sanctioned activities

a. At Church

i. Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Interruptions
2. Throwing objects/food
3. Hitting/pushing/fighting
4. Spitting
5. Distracting behavior
6. Inappropriate language
 - a. Disrespectful towards adults
 - b. Lord's name in vain
 - c. Degrading or mean-spirited comments
7. Laying down in class
8. Inappropriate contact or PDA
9. Stealing
10. Leaving Trash behind

ii. At Events

1. Same as above with the addition of...
2. wandering off alone, or with some of the opposite sex
3. You must remain with at least three or more people at all times (high school-alive ministry)
4. You must remain with your group and chaperone at all times. (middle school-thrive ministry)
5. Buying inappropriate materials/objects
6. Possessing items that are inappropriate as deemed by youth pastor- (I will find it)
7. Use of cell phones for personal entertainment.
 - a. Cell phones are allowed, and are to be used for emergencies only unless we are playing a game that involves cell phone.

iii. Road Trips (on the bus or in vehicles):

1. Same as above with the addition of.....
2. Playing inappropriate music/video games
 - a. Video games need to be checked by the youth pastor prior to leaving the church
3. Wrestling/horseplay

2. Dress Code:

- a. The following applies to all students
 - i. No showing of undergarments, cleavage, or bellies
 - ii. Swimsuits for ladies need to either be one pieces or a two piece with a colored t-shirt.
 - 1. no thongs or bikinis' for either guys or girls
 - iii. No shirts that endorse inappropriate themes
 - 1. i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, sex, etc...
 - * - We encourage all students to dress modestly, if they are found to be wearing a shirt that is unacceptable, then the "ugly" shirt will be provided for them. (the ugly shirt is a large "ugly" shirt which is kept in the youth office)

3. Discipline

- a. At church during services
 - i. Minor offenses –
 - 1. first addressed with warning
 - 2. If bad behavior persists, then student will be escorted outside of class for a talk
 - 3. If bad behavior continues, the student will be escorted to parent or guardian
 - ii. Major offense –
 - 1. immediate escorting of student to parents
 - iii. Expulsion....
 - 1. to be discussed with and agreed upon by senior pastor
 - 2. Must be discussed with parent(s) prior to this action being taken
- b. At local events: within an hour or so traveling distance
 - i. Minor offenses –
 - 1. first addressed with a warning
 - 2. If bad behavior persists, then student will be accompanied by a chaperone at all times
 - 3. If bad behavior continues, the student's parents will be called to pick him/her up.
 - ii. Major offenses –
 - 1. Student must be picked up by parents
- c. On long distance trips
 - i. Minor offenses –
 - 1. see section b – i,ii
 - 2. If bad behavior persists beyond the first 2 steps of discipline, then we will contact the parents and they will take you home.