

PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR TRIPS/EVENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this document is: 1) to communicate expectations of youth while away on trips/events with Polkville Baptist and 2) to inform you how things will be addressed in the event of inappropriate behavior. Please discuss these expectations with your youth. Thank you very much for your support in the Polkville Baptist Youth Ministry.

Trip/Event Expectations / Rules:

- 1) We represent Jesus Christ and Polkville Baptist Church, therefore actions and attitude should be appropriate so as to make Polkville Baptist, but more importantly Jesus Christ, proud.
- 2) Clothing should be appropriate. No questionable advertisements or slogans and all clothing should not be revealing so as to draw attention or be a distraction.
- 3) Tobacco use is forbidden on church vehicles, in Hotels or other lodging facilities, and at most conferences/events. If tobacco use is an issue, discuss it with Dale prior to departure. Please understand, in most cases tobacco use will not be permitted due to the trip guidelines.
- 4) Pranks and jokes can be hurtful therefore they will be closely monitored. If pranks and jokes become a hindrance to the trip/event, they will be addressed and stopped by those in charge on the trip/event.
- 5) Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- 6) Cell phones should be silenced and put away except during free time. If phones become a distraction, they will be taken up and returned upon returning home.
- 7) Absolutely no alcohol or drugs will be tolerated.
- 8) Inappropriate affection between individuals will not be tolerated. While on youth outings holding hands, hugging, kissing and other acts of affection are inappropriate. These actions are distracting therefore will not be tolerated. Furthermore, couples will not be permitted to sit together on the church vehicles.
- 9) Be sensitive to how the Lord is leading in your own life as well as in the life of other.
- 10) Have fun!

Inappropriate behavior will be addressed in the following ways:

- 1) Those in charge on the trip/event will address minor behavior problems and the behavior will be expected to cease. Behavioral issues that fall under Rules 2-5 will normally fall under the minor behavior problems category.
- 2) The minister in charge or a chaperone appointed by the minister in charge will address major behavior problems. Behavioral issues that fall under Rules 7-8 will normally fall under the major behavior problems category. Major behavior problems will be addressed in the following manner:
 - a) If there is a major behavior problem that can be addressed and resolved while on the trip/event, the behavior problem will be address and depending on the circumstances, the parent(s) will most likely be notified.
 - b) If a major behavior problem occurs that cannot be addressed and resolved while on the trip/event, you the parent will be called to come get your youth or to make appropriate arrangement to have your youth transported home. Hopefully this will never have to take place, but this will be the only option if there are cases of inappropriate sexual behavior or alcohol/drug issues.

By signing below I am stating that: 1) I have read and understand the expectations of my youth while away with on a trip/event with Polkville Baptist. 2) I understand how inappropriate behavior will be addressed. 3) I have discussed the Rules and the consequences with my youth.

Youth Participant's Name: _____

Youth Participant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature / Date: _____ Date: _____

Return to Dale prior to departure