

WILDLIFE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

STUDENT TRIP GUIDELINES:

In the event of a serious rules violation by a student while on an overnight trip away from the church or sponsors home, that student may be sent home. This decision shall be at the discretion of sponsors. Parents will be expected to make necessary transportation arrangements for their teen should such a violation occur.

By allowing a student to go on a church trip, parents are agreeing to allow sponsors to make any decision necessary in regard to sending a student home early. On all trips, being sent home will be the normal result for violations of "class III offenses." If deemed appropriate by sponsors, and other serious failure to obey trip guidelines may result in the student being sent home early.

Prior to a student going on a church trip, local or otherwise, parents or guardians must read and sign a copy of these guidelines. The signed copy shall be kept on file at the church office.

The intent of these guidelines is solely to ensure that policies and procedures are established which will make all student activities as safe and orderly as possible.

DRESS CODE:

Apparel should not display obscene prints or symbols. Lewd, vulgar, or suggestive language/design on clothing is prohibited. Advertisements or symbols that can be interpreted as promoting, depicting, or insinuating the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, demonism, or violence are prohibited on all apparel, jewelry, and accessories.

The length of all shorts, skirts, or dresses must be modest and decent. See-through garments are prohibited. No halter tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless shirts permitted.

SWIMMING GARMENTS:

Boys and girls should wear cover-ups to and from the pool. No Speedos, thongs, or two-piece swimsuits (a tankini is permitted if it covers your body like a one-piece swimsuit would.) If you do not have a one-piece swimsuit you must wear a dark colored shirt at ALL times while wearing your swimsuit – this includes while swimming or participating in water activities. If the clothing/swimming suit is viewed by sponsors as needing to be changed or covered, the student will be asked to change.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES:

In keeping with our stated intention to provide a safe and orderly environment for Wildlife Students during student meetings and on trips, these guidelines are offered. The following guidelines should be administered with love and applied with the welfare of the individual participant in mind, as well as the protection of the larger group.

Sunday Bonfire service is an irrevocable right unless banishment or restriction is deemed necessary. All other youth activities are seen as privileges and may be revoked in matters of discipline.

EXPLANATION

Student leaders have the authority to begin the correctional process. You are urged to use the correctional techniques listed for Class I offenses. If the student in question does not respond or is in violation of a Class II offense, the matter goes to the student minister or event disciplinarian (sponsor in the room or home or on a trip). Class II and III correction techniques are to be used only after prayer, consultation with affected parties and consideration of directly affected sponsors and staff.

A weapon is defined as any knife more than 3.5 inches long when closed, a firearm, an open knife or martial arts item, or explosive device. Possession of any of these items at any church meeting or student event or trip is strictly prohibited. The possession of any weapon at church or a student event may result in an immediate call to 911 and full cooperation with the law enforcement personnel who respond. While waiting for police response, the sponsor(s) in charge will coordinate a plan with other leaders to best protect the safety of the other students. Actual confrontation of a student with a gun or explosive device will be left to the proper authorities.

Parents have not assigned to church leaders the right to physically discipline students. Therefore, leaders only make physical contact with a student in order to prevent a greater harm, such as during a fight or an attempt by the student to do harm to him/herself.

Church leaders can only be responsible for students that are actually in an area designated for a student activity. The policy of our student ministry is to ask all students on church property or on trips to be in the actual area where the announced activity is taking place. The only options open to students are to be in the designated class or activity, in the immediate presence of parents or to leave the church property. When a student is dismissed from an activity or asked to leave church property because of a violation, parents or responsible adults should be notified immediately. Reasons for the dismissal should be given.

CLASS I VIOLATIONS:

1. Excessive talking and misbehavior
2. Minor foul language
3. Ignoring or disobeying leaders
4. Violations of dress code (see Dress Code)
5. Excessive display of affection
6. Minor destruction of property
7. Violation of minor trip rules

APPROPRIATE CORRECTION TECHNIQUES

1. Verbal reprimand
2. Assignment to specific sponsor for a specified duration
3. Contact parents
4. Must change their clothing – pertains to #4 above.

CLASS II VIOLATIONS:

1. Continual violation of Class I offense
2. Blatant disrespect for authority
3. Harsh or foul language
4. Use of tobacco products
5. Display of sexual affection
6. Destruction of property
7. Abusive language, or violence

APPROPRIATE CORRECTION TECHNIQUES

1. Any or all of Class I correction techniques
2. Revocation of trip privileges
3. Revocation of student ministry participation
4. Parent conference with student minister, pastor, or both

CLASS III VIOLATIONS:

1. Violations of state or local law
2. Weapon carrying
3. Continual violence
4. Sexual misconduct

APPROPRIATE CORRECTION TECHNIQUES

1. Any or all of Class II correction techniques
2. Immediately sent home at parents' expense
3. Suspension from student activities
4. Notification of appropriate legal authorities

APPROVED STUDENT SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

I. A Student Ministry sponsor must be an adult 21+. (at a minimum, over the age of 18 and out of high school at least 1 year) who agrees to take partial responsibility for the safety, appropriate discipline, and Christian actions of a youth group under the direction of the student director, and/or other staff of the church. Sponsors are responsible for maintaining a high level of Christian conduct as outlined in our Playbook.

II. Sponsor Requirements

Student sponsors shall be member of Sportsman's Church, Victoria, who is a regular attender, passed a criminal background check, completes the Playbook and been interviewed by the Wildlife Student Director.

STUDENT MINISTRY CODE OF CONDUCT:

Sportsman’s Church commits to encouraging a safe, supportive and productive learning environment. This can only happen when everyone cooperates and agrees to suitable standards of conduct. The following are acts which Wildlife Student Ministry considers unacceptable. Any student found engaging in these acts will be subject to disciplinary action, following the guidelines set forth in the Wildlife Student Expectations.

BEHAVIOR:

1. Willfully damaging, destroying or stealing property belonging to other individuals or the property owner.
2. Fighting or engaging in horseplay or disorderly conduct.
3. Sexual immorality, Nudity, or P.D.A.
4. Harmful or destructive pranking of another student/sponsor.
5. Refusing to follow or failing to carry out the reasonable instructions of a sponsor.
6. Being under the influence of alcohol or any drug, or bringing alcoholic beverages or drugs on to church property and/or church trips/events.
7. Possessing fire arms or weapons of any kind on church property and/or church trips/events.

RESPECTFUL:

1. Using threatening or abusive language towards any other students/sponsors.
2. Showing disrespect to authority/sponsors.

DRESS:

1. Failing to follow the Student Ministry Dress Code.

Signatures: (We have read the Wildlife Student Ministry Code of Conduct and will agree to abide by the guidelines set forth by Wildlife Student Ministry.)

Student’s Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date