

# BEHAVIOR COVENANT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## Helping Each Other

As a group, we will be respectful, tolerant, supportive & inclusive. Individually we will pray for one another, share our faith, maintain a positive attitude, listen & be on time. We will behave appropriately at all times.

## Commit Our Time Together

Individually we will be respectful of the spaces we are living in on the trip, be respectful of each other, each other's property, and ourselves. We will behave appropriately at all times. As a group, we expect that we will strive to have open communication, be honest with one another in every situation, and have fun. We will be open-minded and listen to others' ideas. We will grow in our faith and welcome new friendships and treat others with respect.

## Expectations of Group Leaders

Our group leaders will keep the group on task and be respectful. They will help keep us informed. They will be good listeners and include everyone in the activity or discussion. They will be open-minded and share their thoughts as well as have fun. They will be energetic, friendly, fair, patient and encouraging. We trust they will be willing to listen, guide & encourage us.

## How We Will Treat Group Leaders

We will treat our group leaders with respect by allowing them their personal space and sleep when they need it, and will listen to them when they speak. We will help them by openly sharing, especially during devotions, Bible studies, and worship experiences.

## HANDLING ISSUES

### Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs

We will not use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other drug while on this trip. If we do, we will be sent home at our own expense. Parents/guardians will be notified and those involved will apologize to the entire group. Use of tobacco and participation in gambling will not be tolerated.

### Relationships with Opposite Sex

Groups of males and females can be in a room together but the door must be ajar or open. No male and female may be alone in a sleeping room. We will be nice and courteous to roommates giving them access to their own room. We will be cautious of other people's feelings, and we won't tell jokes with sexual connotations or innuendoes.

### Disagreements, Hassles and Impatience

We will try to cool off and take time to relax instead of "losing it." We will work on our own problems where appropriate, but seek peer or adult assistance if necessary. Also, we'll try to be mature about our disagreements or conflicts. We will not engage in gossip or negative talk of others.

### Curfew and Rest

We will abide by the curfew and respect others bedtime. Also, we will use our rest time appropriately in order to maximize our experience during the trip.

### Respect for People, State Pride, & Others' Belongings

We will treat everyone with respect in our words and actions. We will be open to new opinions and ideas. We will be positive in our display of pride in our state identity. We will treat others' belongings with respect and we will ask permission if we need to borrow something.

### Breaking the Covenant

If someone should break our covenant we will agree to respect the decision of leaders in regard to the punishment. In the case of alcohol and drug use or possession, the person will be sent home at his/her expense.

## PARTICIPATION

\* As a group we will encourage each other in all areas including relationships with Christ. We will help people to be themselves and not be embarrassed to share. Our group will bring a positive attitude, friendliness, happiness, excitement, faith, spirit, pride, kindness, open-minds, fun, patience and cooperation.

\* We hope as a result of this trip that we grow stronger in our faith, grow closer to God, strengthen both new and old friendships, and learn to accept who we are and our differences as well as accepting others and their differences.

\* We agree to help keep this covenant with one another. James 1:19 "...let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger."

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth/Adult participant)      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)      DATE \_\_\_\_\_