

## APPROVED TEEN LEADERS Social Media and Technology Covenant

1. Check your e-mail **once a week** for any youth ministry communications from youth staff.
2. Do not use your cell phone when you're a leader at a youth event. If your parent texts you or calls you, please excuse yourself from the group, and go into the hallway to return your parent's text or call. Please return promptly to group. You will be missed!
3. Do not use your cell phone camera, personal camera, or any other digital recorder in sleeping areas or bathroom areas.
4. Follow and model the cell phone guidelines set up for a specific retreat or camp.
5. Do not bring i-pods, i-pads, ear buds, gaming devices, and other electronics to events where you are a leader (unless asked by or ok'ed by an adult leader).
6. **Be mindful of whatever** you post on facebook, google plus, or on websites. Teen leaders are people of integrity, godly character, and positive influence.
7. **Be mindful** that your posts on facebook, google plus, or websites of **youth ministry related events** are a reflection of our Christian witness, the event, and the church. Post positive comments only.
8. Pictures of children and youth taken while at a church event **cannot** be posted anywhere without signed written consent by parent. See individual's emergency form for approval or denial.
9. Talk to the youth staff about any further technological questions or concerns. **When in doubt, talk to us.**
10. All approved teens agree to comply with using their own name on all social networks, and to understand that at all times that they are to represent the congregation's ministry and ensure that their postings will be appropriate to the mission. All confidential and sensitive information will be kept private and will not be posted. Should any Approved Teen have a concern about the proper nature of a posting, they agree to consult with their supervisor and/or leadership person before posting. Post **only positive** comments about youth events and activities at church.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_