Grace United Methodist
YOUTH BEHAVIOR COVENANT

As a participant in youth events, I understand that I am representing myself and Grace United Methodist Church and I agree to abide by the following covenant:

- I will refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs.
    - In keeping with Illinois state law, tobacco use is prohibited for all persons under the age of 21. In addition, tobacco use is prohibited to all involved in the youth programs. The use of alcohol or any controlled substance is strictly forbidden. Prescription medication shall be turned over to the Staff for safekeeping and administration. All labels must be current and legible, and medication must be in its original container.
- I will treat adult leaders, and other members of the group with respect.
- I understand that absolutely no use or possession of weapons of any kind is allowed.
    - Violence and harassment will not be tolerated. Also, in keeping with Illinois state law, violence and harassment is prohibited, as is the possession of illegal weapons. A violation of law will result in immediate expulsion from the event; The participant's parents will be contacted and may have to pick up the participant; And criminal prosecution may be pursued, depending on the severity of the violation.
- I will use "Youth Group appropriate" language.
- I will keep appropriate relationships with students of all genders.
    - In the case of overnight events, boys and girls will sleep in separate rooms.
- I will obey the specific rules of every place and event I visit.
- I will refrain from the use of any personal electronic devices.
    - Cell phones will be away and off during youth group activities. I understand that at times the use of electronic devices may come into conflict with the safe Christian environment we strive to achieve. Examples may include using a phone during someone's presentation or taking pictures of one another in an embarrassing situation. If devices are interfering with our time together, a chaperone may confiscate the device for the duration of the Youth Group event. While the device will be returned, offending media may be destroyed. And in no case will any participant post offensive material to a public location, including the internet.

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(signature of student) (date)