



St. Bernardine of Siena Youth Ministry

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GENERAL PROGRAM BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT

Everyone who participates in our programming is required to do so actively, attentively, and respectfully, behaving appropriately so that all will be able to safely and fully enjoy the opportunity to learn, share, and grow in their faith. The following behavioral contract will be observed at all times by participants. Any participant(s) who break this behavioral contract may be sent home (at the program coordinator's discretion), requiring that a parent or guardian come to pick them up early.

THERE WILL BE RESPECT FOR ALL PROPERTY

Property of St. Bernardine Church/School/Parish Center and surrounding areas and the property of outing destinations and vehicles used for transportation shall not be damaged, taken, marked, nor vandalized in any way. Personal property shall not be damaged, nor borrowed without permission.

THERE WILL BE CONCERN FOR SAFETY AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW

Participants are to cooperate with and conform to the directions and instructions of the St. Bernardine Youth Ministry staff and volunteers, law enforcement, and the staff and officials of outing locations, bus companies, etc. If a participant has an issue with a staff person or volunteer, they are to take it up with the program coordinator. There will be no drugs or alcohol consumed or in any participant's possession, nor shall there be any smoking nor cigarettes in any participant's possession. Physical, verbal, or emotional abuse of others will not be tolerated. Foul language and dirty jokes will not be tolerated. Fighting of any kind will not be tolerated. There will be no weapons or firestarters of any kind in any participant's possession. St. Bernardine Youth Ministry reserves the right to search the belongings of any participant if a staff person or volunteer witnesses or has cause to believe that they are in possession of an item that might present a danger to person or property. If for some reason it is felt to be necessary to make a search on the grounds of hearsay, all participants' belongings will be searched to avoid the unfounded singling out of any one individual. In the case that bags are searched, St. Bernardine Youth Ministry reserves the right to confiscate any and all items in participants' possession that violate this behavioral contract.

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THERE WILL BE RESPECT, COOPERATION AND APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION

Everyone will get the most out of programming if we respect one other and participate fully, actively, consciously, and conscientiously. Cooperation and respect will be very important throughout the year, especially during times when participants are expected to be together in small groups, when participants are sharing, when testimonies are being given, and when quiet time is needed for prayer and reflection. Unnecessary talking during times of prayer, sharing and/or reflection **especially during testimonies and Mass** will not be tolerated. We also require that electronic and communication devices such as electronic games, radios, tape/cd/mp3 players, portable televisions, computers, PDAs, mobile phones and pagers be turned off and not used during services, sessions, or meetings. It would be most preferable if these items were not brought to services, sessions, or meetings in the first place.

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

Attire or exposure that is deemed indecent or inappropriate by staff and volunteers will not be tolerated, including, but not limited to: strapless tops, partial tops, exposed underwear (that includes boxers gentlemen), bare midriffs or indecently short shirts/shorts/skirts/dresses (in general the school rule in regards to shorts and skirts not ending above where one's fingertips rest on one's legs when one's arms are straight and at their sides applies). All guys must wear shirts at all times; tank tops alone are not acceptable. Should there be swimming; bathing suits should be modest and worn only in the pool area. Clothing sporting themes deemed inappropriate to church events and activities are also to be considered unacceptable (for example: crude, violent, sexual or vulgar text/designs/logos or text/designs/logos advertising or encouraging the use of drugs or alcohol). At overnight events, everyone shall wear appropriate sleeping attire and it shall not be worn outside of the designated sleeping areas (unless it is normal clothing).

If one of these guidelines is not adhered to, appropriate action will be taken. Some possible actions could be the temporary (cell phones, CD players, etc.) or permanent (drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, weapons, etc.) confiscation of an item in a student's possession or that the student(s) involved have his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) called to make arrangements for transportation home as soon as possible. As a result of any violation of this behavioral contract, a meeting with parent(s) and youth may be required before the return of confiscated items and/or to determine other possible action: for example, destruction of property would require repayment of damages. Law enforcement will be contacted when such a response is deemed necessary. At the discretion of the program coordinator, serious infractions may result in the suspension or expulsion of a youth from future programming.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR REFERENCE
COMPLETE AND RETURN *Acknowledgement of Receipt* FORM**



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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT
OF
GENERAL PROGRAM BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT**

We have received, read, understand, and agree to comply with
the *General Program Behavioral Contract*
of St. Bernardine Youth Ministry.

Youth's Name (please print legibly): _____

Youth's Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Dated: _____

BOTH Parent(s) and Youth MUST SIGN!