

Cell Phone and Electronic Devices Guidelines

Youth may carry their cell phones and electronic devices to church events.

Exceptions:

- When asked by the leader to leave them in the vehicles
 - When used excessively while at church events

(Youth trips and outings are designed to build relationships
and unity within our group.)

1. Youth will not be allowed to stay on their phones throughout the trip. The purpose of camp is to bring our youth closer to each other and closer to God. At some points during the trip, we will ask the youth to put phones in the phone bag we provide.
2. If your youth uses their electronic devices for inappropriate behavior, they will be taken up for the remainder of the trip or to the discretion of the adults.

Examples of inappropriate behavior: prank calling, text bullying, listening to inappropriate music, playing inappropriate games, and using during prohibited times.

3. The chaperones will have their cell phones with them at all times in case of an emergency. You can call us if you have to reach your child during the restricted times.
4. The church or church chaperones are not responsible for any phone or electronic device broken or stolen while on a church event.
5. Do not photograph or video anyone without their knowledge or permission.
6. Do not post pictures to social media sites without person's permission or knowledge.

America's youth survived hundreds of years without cell phones; a few hours will not cause them to melt into a small puddle of water.

Transportation Policy for Youth

- Youth cannot take their vehicles on any church trips.
- Youth cannot take their vehicles to activities at people's houses if they are returning to the church afterwards. If they are not returning to the church, they may drive, but no one except an immediate family member may ride with them.
- Youth cannot take other youth home after activities if they are not immediate family members. One exception to this rule is **we must have a note** from the parents of the driver AND the passenger.
- If a youth arrives at church with another youth driver, they may ride back home with them without a note. It is understood by the church that if you gave permission for your child to ride to church with someone that they have permission to ride home with them.
- We will provide enough transportation for every event and give rides home after activities if needed, however please make every effort to pick up your youth.

Adult Chaperone Guidelines

For the safety of our youth and children, the church has adopted an extensive policy on the prevention of child abuse.

- All paid personnel and volunteers who work with minors on a continual basis must submit a screening form and consent to a criminal background check.
- A reasonable ratio of adult workers is to be maintained in each situation involving the supervision of children.
- All volunteer workers must be approved.

Other guidelines specific to the youth department include:

- Workers are to make every reasonable effort to not be alone with a student.
- Workers are expected to lead by being strong, godly examples.
- Chaperones are expected to abide by all rules as established by the leadership, and they are to encourage the students to do likewise.

Rules You Should Know

Now, it's on paper, so it's official.

1. If you behave as a Christian young man or woman, you should have no problem keeping all of the rules.
2. Respect the leaders.
3. Rolling your eyes or making a sound with your mouth is disrespect towards leaders.
4. No fireworks, tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol.
5. Keep your hands to yourself.
6. Male and female youth are not allowed to be alone at any time.
7. Boys in boys room and girls in girls room.
8. No back talking.
9. Be where you're supposed to be; do what you're supposed to do.
10. Don't climb over the seats in the Bus or other vehicles.
11. Keep your feet off the seats.
12. Don't leave your trash in the vehicles
13. Don't use cell phones during Bible study.
14. No private or public displays of affection.
15. No sneaking out.
16. Do not use profanity.
17. No leaving an empty toilet paper roll in the bathroom and flush toilet.
18. Put your trash in the trash can.
19. If you get it out, put it back.
20. If you are on the property, you will remain in the area designated by the adults in charge.
21. Do not leave the designated area without letting a leader know.
22. No prank calling.
- 23. Participants who are unable to follow the group rules and expectations will be sent home at the parents' expense. Please do not make us use this option!**

First Baptist Church Dress Code

For All Events

Weekly Events

1. Shirts, shorts, and dresses should be modest in length and appearance.
2. Proper undergarments should be worn.
3. No underwear should be exposed, including while you're sitting down.
4. Do not wear clothes displaying distasteful slogans or ads for products such as alcohol and tobacco.
5. Do not wear clothes that promote racism, sexism or hatred of any group or person.
6. Do not wear any clothes that refer to sexual actions or situations.
7. No pants with writing across the behind.
8. Do not wear any shirts with spaghetti straps unless it is covered by other clothing.
9. If we are having an event that will include messy games or water, you may only wear dark t-shirts.
10. Do not wear anything that is excessively short or tight fitting.
11. Do not expose skin that ought to be covered by your clothes.

Overnight Events

1. Weekly Events Dress Code still applies.
2. Sleep clothes should be modest.
3. Remember you will be around the opposite sex.

Swim Parties

All bathing suits are to be modest one-piece bathing suits.

**You may only wear a two piece if the top and the bottom meet in the middle; however, a one-piece is preferred. If you wear a Tankini, it cannot be back-less and must meet in the front and back.

Discipline Plan

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Be where you are supposed to be. Do what you are supposed to do.

Discipline Procedures for Children and Youth Activities

1. Warning
 2. Counseling by the Group Leader or Family Minister
 3. Send home and contact parents.
 - Recommend exemption from fun activity
 - Recommend child stay at home one week
 - Recommend returning with parent
 4. Decision that child can no longer attend children or youth activities: Child will be allowed to attend worship services with a parent or adult family member.
- **Threatening, bullying, and sexual harassment are not acceptable. Children cannot return to church activities until the parents have met with the Pastor or Family Minister.

Discipline Procedures for Children attending Worship Services without Parents

1. Children attending church on Sunday evening may not sit in balcony if unattended by an adult.
2. Children who cause distraction in balcony on Sunday morning will be asked to sit downstairs.
3. Children who cause distraction in any service will be counseled by Pastor or Family Minister.
4. Children who continue to cause distraction after counseling will be required to attend worship services with a parent or adult family member.

Discipline Procedures for Children Riding Church Bus

1. Warning: No disturbing or dangerous behaviors are allowed.
2. On second offense, children are no longer allowed to ride on the church bus.