

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATING
IN EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY**

This *Code of Conduct for Youth* is a general list of rules and regulations for events conducted by parishes, schools, and other organizations in the Diocese of Rapid City. Some of the rules and regulations may not be applicable to all events; therefore, the event coordinator or adult chaperone should make any necessary revisions to the *Code of Conduct for Youth*. The following items are divided into must follow items and suggested items.

These rules and regulations **must** be followed at all events:

1. The use by participants of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, pornography, fireworks, matches, cigarette lighters or items that endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property is strictly prohibited.
2. Language and behavior should exemplify Christian values. Profanity is strictly prohibited.
3. Participants are expected to respect the rights and property of others. Vandalism and theft will not be tolerated. Financial obligations that result from such behavior will be the sole responsibility of the youth and his/her parents or legal guardians.
4. Males and females are not allowed to be in the same sleeping area unless the event coordinator or an adult chaperone is present.
5. Participants are not allowed to ride with another participant to, from, or during an event, unless written permission for such an arrangement has been previously given by a parent or legal guardian to the event coordinator or adult chaperone.

These rules and regulations are **suggested** for all events:

6. Clothing must be appropriate. Short shorts, short skirts, tank tops, and excessively baggy pants are prohibited. Undergarments should not be visible. References to drugs, or to tobacco or alcohol products, including insignias or advertisements on clothing, jewelry, accessories, or caps, are prohibited.
7. If requested, a name tag must be worn.
8. Participants are not permitted to leave the premises without the permission of the event coordinator or adult chaperone.
9. Participants must follow all rules set by the event coordinator or adult chaperone for the use of electronic devices including, but not limited to, MP3 players, iPods, tablet or notebook computers, cell phones, social media items, and games.

I have read this *Code of Conduct for Youth* and understand it, and will abide by the rules and regulations as outlined above. I will also abide by all rules established by the event coordinator or adult chaperone. I also understand and agree that my parents or legal guardian will be notified if I commit any infraction of the *Code of Conduct for Youth* which requires my dismissal from an event, and that I will be sent home at the expense of my parents or legal guardian.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

I agree that my child, _____, is expected to abide by all of the rules and regulations as outlined in this *Code of Conduct for Youth*. I agree that if my child fails to abide by the *Code of Conduct for Youth* or engages in any infraction that is considered by the event coordinator or adult chaperone to be inappropriate, he/she will be dismissed from this activity and sent home at my expense with no right of reimbursement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____