

FUMC Trip Covenant

General Items for All Trips

This trip is part of the ministry of the youth department of First United Methodist Church. While on the trip we will be representing both the Christian faith and FUMC. As a church youth group we will conduct ourselves individually and as a group in ways that are consistent with who we are and what we represent.

On all trips, it will be important that we operate on trust and that everyone clearly understand the guidelines we will operate by and what is expected of each person. The following trip guidelines below give the basic expectations for each of us to follow.

Minimum Expectations

It is expected that everyone will abide by the rules and guidelines in this covenant. These are held to be the minimal expectations of any participant on any trip.

1. Alcohol, tobacco, non-prescription inhalants, fireworks, weapons (**including knives**), or illegal drugs of any kind have no place in any trip taken by our church.
2. Illegal activities of any kind, including vandalism and shoplifting, have no place in any trip taken by our church. The law requires that we report any such incident to the police. This also includes physical fighting (assault).
3. We encourage expressions of affection and caring; however, this trip is not a date. Even if you are with your "sweetie" (or you discover your "sweetie" on this trip), expressions of romantic affection need to be appropriate to our trip. Sexual activity will not be tolerated.
4. We will respect the physical property of others, including the vans we travel in, and the facilities where we stay.
5. The language we use and our attitude needs to reflect the Christian nature of our group. Be positive and reflect who we are as a Christian community in all we say and do! Profanity, abusive language, derogatory comments and put downs have no place on our trip.
6. Everyone – youth and adults – will be expected to be present and on time for all events.
7. We are never to be off by ourselves. Make sure that you are always with others from our group when you are out.
8. The adults on the trip need to know where we are at all times. If we leave on an errand, we need to tell the adults where we are.
9. We need to be in the building by curfew. This time will be stated by the trip leader.
10. We are never to get into a vehicle that is not with our group. We are never to go off with anyone who is not with our group.

Have fun, help others to have fun, and get to know others. Be kind and considerate of others on the trip.