DSCPLZ Youth Group Expectations, Code of Conduct, and Dress Code

Now that you are establishes and a member of the youth group at Connection Point Ministry Center called DSCPLZ we have some expectations we would like for you to follow.

Our purpose for DSCPLZ is to learn and share about the Lord number one, have fun number two, and be safe doing all of those things! We will succeed as a Youth Group if we create an environment where everyone gets to be who they are. To do this we will need to maintain certain boundaries so that fun times are fun for everyone, and more serious times are shared by everyone.

The following expectations will be upheld during all DSCPLZ meetings, activities, and events as well as while traveling to and/or from activities:

**Parents/guardians, and caregivers who have any questions or concerns are encouraged to contact any of the Pastors at Connection Point Ministry Center.**

* **SHOW LOVE FOR OTHERS AT ALL TIMES.**This means: Put the rights and needs of others ahead of your own. We don’t put others down, make fun of people, hurt, or pick on others (including strangers or those who aren’t with our group).
“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:39)
* LET OTHERS SEE JESUS THROUGH YOU**.** As a DSCPLZ youth, you are presenting the Lord, our church, and DSCPLZ Students Ministries to the rest of the world. To be a positive witness for Jesus, we must not do things that will make God or us look bad, such as swearing, screaming, making faces at others, and so on. This includes fellow members, ALL CPMC Pastors, all CPMC Members/visitors, musicians, guest speakers, etc. Members of the youth group are not allowed: alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and/or weapons at any events involving CPMC. In other words, KEEP IT CLEAN BILLIE JEAN!

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2)*

* RESPECT & TAKE CARE OF OUR CHURCH & THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS. We need to take care of our church, and Youth Room. Each is part of God’s church and must be treated with respect. When we are guests in others’ houses or cars, we should show the same respect. If you make or see a mess, please clean it up.

 *“We are each responsible for our own conduct.” (Galatians 6:5)*

* KNOW WHEN YOU BE GOOFY & WHEN TO BE SERIOUS It’s very important that we all have FUN in this group!!! It is also important that we all listen and participate during Bible Studies, discussions, or other “serious” times. There will be no talking and we ask that you participate when we worship, pray, and the main message is being shared. All cell phones and other equipment are silenced during lesson times.
*“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, piece, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)*
* LOVE ONE ANOTHER! BUT BE CAREFUL/APPROPRIATE HOW YOU SHOW IT. As fellow members of God’s family, there will be times when you will share hugs with your Christian brothers/sisters. If you have a boyfriend/girlfriend, you are encouraged to invite them to youth activities. But please, keep things appropriate at all times. No PDA! (Public or Private Displays of Affection)

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ...a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5b)
“If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for His purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.” (2 Timothy 2:21)*

**Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians/Caregivers**

* Respect, understand, and support all leadership and policies of DSCPLZ.
* Recognize and understand that youth leaders and personnel must enforce the above rules and policies to ensure a safe learning environment for all.
* Teach your children to respect the rights of others and to follow youth group rules.

**Consequences for Misbehavior**

The consequence for misbehavior outlined below aim to exemplify grace and forgiveness. It is our goal that any student who receives any offense learns from it and returns to DSCPLZ with a clean slate. We desire to have all students participating in all activities and will not hold prior offenses against students who have already completed the consequences for such (assuming that a pattern does not emerge)- students are held accountable for their behavior, but not condemned.

**Order of Consequences**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Pulled aside and redirected
3. Th youth will be pulled away and either sent to sit with his/her parent, asked to leave, or their parent will be called. The youth will explain what actions got them into trouble, and the leader will be there to clarify. The parent will also be informed to pick up their child immediately. At this time the student will receive advance warning that offense #4 will happen next time they decide to misbehave.
4. Suspended from DSCPLZ for 1-2 weeks minimum and an in-person parent and student meeting with the or a Pastor of CPMC will be scheduled.

**Youth Group leaders/Pastors reserve the right to determine the severity of misbehavior and may choose to skip or modify any of the above stated consequences.**

**Youth who reach the 3rd and/or 4th consequence multiple times may lose privileges including but not limited to: overnight events, or youth group single day events.**

**Dress code for attending any CPMC Events as a member of DSCPLZ**

We dress modestly! Here’s our dress code:

* Remember the 4 B’s: No breasts, butts, boxers, or bellies visible.
* No spaghetti straps/no bra straps showing.
* No really tight clothes
* No inappropriate/offensive language or messages on clothing/jewelry/bags etc.
* Guys, always keep shirts on
* If we ever go swimming:
* Guys AND girls: shirts AND shorts
* No white or light-colored swimsuits
* All the above rules still apply while swimming.

**Please sign and date and bring back to the next time DSCPLZ meet.**

By signing this document, you agree to abide by the above expectations.

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