



## walking in the character and mission of Jesus Christ

### bloomingtondale church youth group

#### Parent/Student Contract

- This contract is a guideline for the parents and students connected with our community.
- This contract must be signed every September.  
(We prefer the contract to be turned in between September 1-30)
- It is expected that each student sign this contract before attending an overnight trip.  
(Exceptions will only be made for students who are new.)
- By signing this contract parents will be given access to fill out easy permission forms online.
- Each student must have their own contract.

#### Parents/Guardians

+Please give clear instructions to your teen about what your expectations for them are after youth ministry activities: who they are allowed to drive with, when they are allowed to leave.

##### **+Junior High:**

+Youth Group ends at 8:30 PM on Thursdays (students are allowed to stay in building as long as an adult leader is present)

##### **High School:**

+Youth Group ends at 8:15 PM on Sundays (students are allowed to stay in building as long as an adult leader is present)

+Students attending Coffeehouse must “login” when entering the building and “logout” when exiting the building. Students are not allowed to return after leaving unless their parents have given approval.

+Youth activities are not a drop-off/pick-up location for students not attending the activity.

*+We strongly encourage parents to check their email regularly for updates on youth group activities and to read the Parent Youth Connection newsletter.*

#### Students

**Guidelines for our Community:** *respectful heart, servant heart, discerning heart, wise heart*

**+Be respectful of God, each other, and yourself.**

When students choose to be disrespectful to our adult leadership we will pull that student out of the group until they are ready to be respectful.

**+We will clean up the area we have used.**

Students must help clean up the rooms/van we have used before going home.

**+We will use appropriate language with one another.**

Swearing, gossiping, and speaking negatively about others is not Christ-honoring.

**+Our church is a public building so it is in everyone’s best interest not to bring expensive electronics and personal items into the building.** (The church is not responsible for these items.)

## **Trips**

**+Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed on offsite trips:** weekend retreats, serving experiences, summer trips. (When attending a diversion-based offsite activity (ex: corn maze) we will encourage students not to bring a cell phones if possible.)

*We have discovered that electronics are a distraction from learning and connecting with the people around us. Students may use an adult leader's phone to call home.*

**+Students must always have a permission form for any trip** [A trip is defined as any activity where we leave the church campus.]

*Permission forms protect the church against liabilities and protect parents so they know where their child is.*

## **Public Display of Affection [PDA]**

*We want our community to be a safe community where all students feel included. We want to encourage each other toward Christ-honoring, pure lifestyles.*

**The following Public (or Private) Displays of Affection toward the opposite sex are not acceptable during youth group and church sponsored activities: Extended hugging, kissing, hand-holding, sitting on one another, and being in a room alone together**

## **Clothing**

Being modest is not about what you wear, it is about your demeanor. *As Christians, we are called to be people who put God and His values at the center of our lives and let that reflect in all we do.* The Bible says, "We are the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15). This means that people can "smell" who Jesus is through the actions of His followers! We represent God in how we act, talk, and dress. We want to represent Him well. *Dressing modestly is about respect; respecting God, respecting yourself, and respecting others.*

We ask that you follow these steps with us at all youth group activities and hopefully on your own:

### **Girls**

**Tops:** Please consider tops with straps more than "3 fingers" wide or tank tops instead. If the shirt has a low v-neck or shows your midriff, please put a shirt underneath it. If the top is particularly tight or form fitting, please consider wearing a looser one.

**Bottoms:** Please consider wearing skirts and shorts that are at least mid-thigh length and do not have words on the derrière. (For missions trips they must be to your knees.). Pants that ride low are not the best option: they often show too much tummy or lower back.

**Swimwear:** One-piece or tankinis are good. Bathing suits with a tank top over it are good too.

### **Boys**

Shirts need to be worn at all times unless at the beach.

Please do not wear low hanging pants that display your boxers.

Please consider wearing shirts with sleeves.

### **All**

If you can bend over and touch your toes without showing any skin or underwear in the back, then your shirt and pants are okay. If you can raise your hands all the way above your head and not show your stomach or underwear, then your shirt is okay.)

# Contract [please turn in to Jen or Daniel's mailbox]

We have read the above recommendations and will do our best to follow them.

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student name

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parent/guardian signature

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parent/guardian name

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student signature

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student name

## Information

We want to have updated information about you. (We also publish a student "Digits" directory. If you wish for particular information not to be published, please underline it.)

### Student Info

Address	Cell # Texting: (Yes / No)	Email
Birthday	School	Sports/Activities

### Mother/Guardian Info

Address	Cell # Texting: (Yes / No)	Home #
Email Address	Best time to contact	

### Father/Guardian Info

Address	Cell # Texting: (Yes / No)	Home #
Email Address	Best time to contact	

## Can You Lend Us a Hand?

We are grateful for parental support of the youth group. Please check any item in which you are able to lend a hand.

- Drivers** (Help drive students to offsite activities. Need a vehicle that can seat 6+ students)
- Food Team** (Join other parents in preparing a youth group meal 3-4 times a year)
- Fundraising Support** (Help organize fundraisers: promotion, accounting)
- Coffeehouse Chaperone** (Serve once a quarter on a Friday night. Hang out with students.)
- Host the Youth Group at your house** (Small groups, Christmas party, etc)

# Online Permission Form Contract

We want to make it much easier to fill out permission forms. If you complete the information below you will be given the opportunity to fill out a simple online form for any trip that your teen attends.

On any of the trips I give my son or daughter permission to attend:

- **I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Bloomingdale Church and any personnel who are involved.**
- **I give permission for my son/daughter to use Bloomingdale Church's method of transportation.**
- **I hereby give permission for emergency medical treatment to be sought for my son/daughter by representatives or agents acting on behalf of Bloomingdale Alliance Church to administer medication and/or First Aid AND give permission to an attending physician to hospitalize or secure proper emergency treatment and/or surgery for my son/daughter. I will not hold Bloomingdale Alliance Church or any person liable for any assistance they give my son/daughter.**

My son/daughter has the following allergies/medical needs:

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Health Insurance Information:

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- **I am willing to use the online permission form and give permission that the password I give below represents my digital signature.**

Online Password: \_\_\_\_\_

- **I will not share this password with my son or daughter.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Printed Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Signature/Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Emergency Contact #) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_