

## **Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Youth Group Code of Conduct**

The vision of the Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Youth Ministry is to mentor and equip our teens to develop a faith that exists outside of the church building. A relationship with Christ that is dynamic, lived out, and shared beyond our church walls. As with any group, whether it is Scouts, a sports team, a club at school or even a job, there are certain rules and expectations provided which are there to help make the group stronger. As a youth group, we want to set a positive example for others of what it means to be a member of the body of Christ, so we must also hold ourselves to certain expectations. Here are some of the standards that we will strive to live up to as members of Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Youth Group:

Luke 9:23-“Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.””

The teens of the Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Youth Ministry seek to SERVE:

- Submit to God (James 4:7-8)
- Examine Your Heart (James 1:19-21)
- Reach Out to Others (Matthew 25:31-40)
- Value Others Above Yourself (Romans 12:10)
- Exemplify Christ (1 John 2:3-6)

Hebrews 13:17 “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.”

1 Peter 5:5 “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.””

Therefore, we act in accordance with our faith and our vision.

### **Youth Group Guidelines**

John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Show respect for everyone you come in contact with, by your actions and your words. This means that making fun of others and cutting each other down is not acceptable.
- Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ. An example would be, do not talk when someone else is talking.
- Respect the facilities. Do not damage or destroy church property and always clean up after yourself.
- Keep a positive attitude.
- Remember that you are an ambassador for Christ and this church, and your actions and words can provide a good or bad example.

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## **Youth Group Rules**

Romans 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.”

### **In General**

- No obscene language.
- No drug, alcohol, or tobacco use.
- No weapons.
- Public display of affection with your significant other while at church functions is inappropriate. This detracts from our purpose.
- For the safety and well being of all, every meeting and event has physical boundaries. Stay within those boundaries.
- During study time, you must remain seated to avoid disrupting the group with the exceptions of emergencies (please use the restroom prior to Bible studies and Worship services) and turn all cell phones and electronic devices off.

### **Church Trips**

- All of the normal church rules and expectations, plus:
- Couples will adopt the “friends rule” for the duration of the trip. At all of our church functions, we want the focus to be on Christ and not each other, so if you are in a relationship, we will encourage you to “just be friends” on our church trips.
- Couples will not sit next to each other in vehicles while traveling. We want to encourage you to develop friendships with others in our group and not be focused only on the person you are dating.
- No sharing blankets or sleeping on one another in vehicles (unless you are siblings).
- Never be alone with a person of the opposite sex. Whether it is on a trip or here at church, always take another (third) person with you and stay with the whole group as much as possible.
- Clean up after yourself:
  - a. In vehicles- throw trash away at various stops and do not throw on floor
  - b. At other churches/venues (hotels, conference halls, etc.)- leave things better than they were before you came.
- Music devices may be used with headphones, but only Christian music should be listened to on them. Do not plan on listening to music for the whole trip. Enjoy the company of your youth group!
- Cell phones may be brought, but only used for: Christian music (with headphones), for calling (or texting) your parents only, if necessary, and for trip purposes, designated by Youth Leader(s). No videos, gaming or internet usage, unless it is deemed necessary for the trip, by Youth Leader(s).

Romans 13:1 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”

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**Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior for All Church Activities**

We gather together once a week for a period of worship and study. We cannot allow disruptive behavior to detract from our time together and our focus on Christ. Disruptive or unsafe behavior on trips will not be tolerated either. Disruptive and unsafe behavior includes any violation of the Youth Group Rules as well as specific rules imposed for trips. The final authority determining of disruptive and unsafe behavior will be the Youth Leader(s). Consequences will be as follows:

1. Student will receive a verbal warning from the Leader(s) or assisting adult(s).
2. If disruptive behavior persists, the parents of the student will be contacted and further action will be determined.

**Dress Guidelines**

It is important that our dress is appropriate. It is our intention to be holy and pleasing to God. Clothing should not be disruptive or bring unnecessary attention to the wearer. The following will not be permitted:

- Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, see through clothing, tube tops, halter tops, miniskirts.
- Visible undergarments. Pants should be worn at waist/hip level.
- No clothing with offensive or obscene pictures and/or words.
- Swimwear-
  - Girls- One piece swim suit or colored t-shirt over two piece.
  - Boys- T-shirts should be worn at all times other than when actually swimming, such as, to and from the swimming pool.

If you would not wear it to church on Sunday morning or to school then chances are you should not wear it to youth group. Should you dress in an inappropriate manner, you will be asked to change or your parents will be called to bring you different clothing or to take you home.

As a student in the Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Youth Ministry, I have prayerfully read and understand NRBCYM’s General Conduct Code and choose to adhere to it at all NRBCYM functions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent of a teen in the Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Youth Ministry, I have prayerfully read and understand NRBCYM’s General Conduct Code. I support this Code of Conduct and expect my child to adhere to it at all times.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: I/We also agree to the above mentioned and give my/our permission to be a participant in different Youth Group activities. I/We realize that at times there may be risks involved, but that Nute Ridge Bible Chapel and the leaders involved will try in every way to prevent injury. However, at times there may be injuries and I will not hold Nute Ridge Bible Chapel, leaders, other chaperones or individuals involved in the activities, responsible.

\_\_\_\_\_ : I give my permission for photos of my teen to be posted on Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Website.

\_\_\_\_\_ : I do not give my permission for photos of my teen to be posted on Nute Ridge Bible Chapel Website.

Emergency Person #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Person #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Person #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Release:

I/We understand that in the event medical treatment is required for my child, every effort will be made to contact me. However, if I cannot be reached, I give permission to the leaders to secure medical services to provide the care necessary, including anesthesia, for my child's wellbeing.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Information: (optional, but recommended)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy#: \_\_\_\_\_

Any known :

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Existing Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_