**B.L.A.S.T Youth Guidelines**

**Mahaffey Alliance Church**

**Guiding Principles: *Love & Respect Each Other  
Love & Respect Your Leaders  
Love & Respect Your Setting***

**General Rules - “***Treat it like it’s yours!”*

* Stay In, Stay Out, Stay Together = stay inside the building, stay out of the classrooms, stay with the group
* Respect the Facility = keep it clean, keep it safe, keep it in one piece

**Digital Devices (Cell phones, tablets, etc.) -** *“Hang out with the people here, not the ones that aren’t (send an invite)!”*

* Wi-Fi is for church business only, so don’t ask for the password
* Emergency and parent calls are OK, everything else can wait

**PDA (Public Displays of Affection) -** *“Save room for Jesus!”*

* This is a NO PDA ZONE (Blue + Red = Purple, NO PURPLE!)
* Respect physical boundaries (yours and your neighbor’s)

**Clothing -** *“Reach up high, bend down low; if I can see skin, put on some clothes!”*

* This isn’t Hollywood, dress appropriately (ask if you’re not sure)
* Consider if you are a distraction to your neighbor

**Small Groups**

* Respect = openness, no judgment, no interruptions
* No gossip (before, during, or after)
* Confidentiality: what happens in small group, stays in small group

**No Tolerance (Non-Negotiables)**

* No drugs or alcohol
* No weapons
* No violence
* No foul language
* No sexual misconduct

**Leaders Code of Conduct**

* We obey the same rules as you!
* Respect the youth with love
* One-on-one counseling is ok, but never alone or out of sight
* Enforce confidentiality
* Avoid the appearance of evil

**Acknowledgment of Guidelines**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Youth), as a participant in the *B.L.A.S.T. Youth Ministry* program of *Mahaffey Alliance Church*, have read and fully understand the Guidelines and agree to abide by the words as they are set forth.

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Signature of Youth Date

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian’s Name[s]) have read and discussed the Guidelines with my/our youth, and are supportive of its intent and content.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

*Please return the signed bottom portion of the page to the Youth Pastor or a Youth Leader.*

**Trips, Retreats, & Events**

**General Rules**

* Release and Consent forms are required for ALL trips
* Sign up ON TIME (late requests may be rejected)
* Payments must be submitted BY OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE
* Be ON TIME for events (don’t make everyone else wait for you)
* Be sure to review the packing list and “Do’s/Do Not’s” for each trip
* If you have to cancel last minute, please let a youth leader know ASAP

**Group Rules**

* Respect your neighbors, leaders, speakers, etc.; don’t be a distraction
* Sit together as a group wherever we go (meals, meeting, etc.)
* Travel in pairs (3 if possible), never alone
* A leader must accompany you whenever you leave the main group
* Know our central meeting place (depending on the venue)
* Limit your cell phone use; enjoy the trip!

**Vehicle Rules**

* Respect the vehicle, the driver, and all passengers
* Seatbelts must be worn at all times
* The driver is in charge
* Do not distract the driver
* Keep noise at a respectable level
* Keep personal contact to a minimum
* No horseplay or roughhousing
* Driver approved music only
* All trash must be picked up BEFORE you leave the vehicle
* Do not leave any personal belongings in the vehicle

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