

Bald Mountain Youth Ministry

Expectations, Procedures & Photo Release

It is our aim to provide a safe, loving and grace-filled environment that challenges student to trust Jesus and serve Him with their lives. Creating such an environment requires high expectations and caring accountability. In order to keep everyone on the same page, this document has been created.

Consequences of misconduct will be appropriate to the incident and structured with the goal of restoration. The youth pastor along with the pastoral staff will decide what consequences are warranted, ranging from parental notification up to and including exclusion from activities or notification of the appropriate authorities.

General Expectations:

- Treat others as you would want to be treated.
- Bring your Bible to the weekly programs.
- Treat all adult leaders with respect.
- Use Christ-honoring language.
- Avoid overt displays of affection between couples (which means touching of any kind, including hugging, leaning against each other or any physical interaction an adult leader identifies as inappropriate).
- The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or any illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Sexual misconduct or sexual harassment is prohibited.
- Violence and bullying of any kind (hitting, striking or physical and verbal threatening) toward anyone is prohibited. Weapons of any kind are not to be brought to church-sponsored events.

Dress:

Bald Mountain Baptist Church does not have a legalistic dress code, and we would like to keep it that way. Ladies should dress modestly and guys' attire should also reflect a Christ-honoring attitude. The youth ministry reserves the right to require inappropriately-attired students to change or cover up.

Examples of inappropriate clothing:

- Clothes that are too tight
- Tops with plunging necklines
- Short-shorts
- Spaghetti-strap tops (unless you have a shirt underneath).
- Tops that expose your mid-section (Halter tops, tube tops, cut-off shirts, or cropped tops or shirts that do not meet your pants or rise up and expose your mid-section when arms are raised)
- T-shirts with distasteful designs or messages (including messages that promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual immorality or racism)

Swimwear:

*If you have a question as to the appropriateness of your swimwear, **please ask before we go** on a trip.*

Guys: MODEST swimsuits no higher than mid-thigh. A T-shirt must be worn to and from the swimming area.

Ladies: MODEST one-piece swimsuits. (Tankinis cut to be more modest than a one-piece, not exposing the mid-section, are okay) **NO** Bikinis, French-cut, or one-piece **resembling** two-piece swimsuits. A large T-shirt or non-transparent cover-up must be worn to and from the swimming area.

Off-Site Events

Church policy requires a signed and notarized "Youth Medical Release Form" form for any student be transported to an off-site event.

Student Drivers

No student ministry participant is to ride in a vehicle driven by another student or unauthorized driver unless parental consent is given verbally **AND** in writing to the Youth pastor prior to each event.

Personal Electronics

Most of our off-site events are designed to get students out of their regular routine and surroundings so they will be able to focus on growing in their relationship with Christ. Portable electronic devices such as cell phones, MP3 players, video games, TV's, computers, etc. can distract students from the purpose of the event, and we may require they be left at home. Bald Mountain Youth Ministry reserves the right to confiscate any personal electronic at an off-site event and return it back to the student or parent at the end of that event.

Many parents consider cell phones an important way to stay in contact with their student and we respect that. That is why all of our adult chaperones will carry their cell phones with them on all of our trips. This will give your student the opportunity to call and check in with you at most anytime. You will also have the Youth Pastor's cell phone number so you can call in case of emergency.

Failure to comply with these expectations may result in loss of privileges for participation in future Youth Ministry events.

I, _____, **student**, have read and understand the youth ministry expectations and procedures and agree to abide by them.

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____, the **parent/guardian** of the student stated above have read and understand the preceding expectations and procedures for my child/myself to participate in student events sponsored by Bald Mountain Baptist Church.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Photo Release:

Additionally: I, _____, **student**, grant to Bald Mountain Baptist Church, its representatives and employees the right to take & publish photographs or video of me, whether individually or in a group, and my property, in regard to its web-site, Facebook, Twitter, InstaGram accounts and any other publications it may distribute to the general public.

I, _____, the **parent/guardian** of the student stated above, have read and understand the preceding statement in regard to the taking & publishing of photographs or videos of my child, and give my permission for the same.

permission given

permission NOT given

Parent Signature _____

(or student, if over 18 years of age)