

# FUMYF

First United Methodist Youth Fellowship of Garland, TX

## **Rules and Guidelines for All UMYF Activities**

These rules have been written down to inform the youth of how they need to conduct themselves at any UMYF function. These rules were not established to take away any youth's privileges from or the fun out of any UMYF function, but were established to protect each youth and enable the entire youth group, counselors, and youth director to have a great experience at all youth functions.

If one or these rules is broken and it is discovered, discipline will be taken in the following manner, unless otherwise listed:

1. The offender will have at least 5 minutes away from the rest of the group with a counselor of the youth director to discuss the issue.
2. If the problem persists, or otherwise stated in the Constitution, or directed by the youth director or counselor in charge, a telephone call to the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be made to have them come pick up the youth to inform them that the youth is being sent home.

## **General**

1. Youth must stay with the group in the designated area(s) while attending UMYF function
2. Youth are to respect and follow requests made by the youth director, youth counselor, helping adults, or youth leading programs. Youth should not have to be asked or told more than once to do something.
3. "Cut downs" are frowned upon at any UMYF function. If one should occur the offender is required to say two "put-ups" for each "cut-down" that has been said.
4. Anything broken during UMYF function should be reported to the youth director as soon as possible. If any item is discovered and the youth that did it is known and did not report it or was doing something they should not have been, they or their parents will be required to fix or replace the item at their own personal cost
5. No matches or lighters are to be used by a youth at any time unless specifically requested by a counselor or the youth director.
6. Only movies rated PG-13 or below are allowed to be viewed at or on any UMYF function. All movies to be viewed are subject to the youth director's approval
7. Displays of affection are restricted to hugging and holding hands
8. Fireworks are strictly prohibited from being used by, purchased by, or in the possession of any youth at any UMYF function. Discipline will be 2.
9. Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs of any kind are strictly prohibited from being used by, purchased by, or in the possession of any youth at any UMYF function. Prescription drugs are to be given to a counselor or youth director and will be given out at the appropriate times. Unless otherwise discussed with parents. Discipline will be 2.
10. Foul language will not be tolerated at any UMYF function
11. Bathing Suits during water events and trips should be appropriate. Female suits should be one piece or tankini's. Male suits should be the long short style. Anyone who fails to wear appropriate suits will be asked to change or to wear dark colored shirt over their suit.
12. Cellphone use and possession will be limited or prohibited at many youth functions.

### **In the Church**

Youth are not to touch, play with, tamper with, or use any electronic equipment in the church at any time during any UMYF function, unless specifically asked to do so by the youth director or the person in charge of the equipment

Youth are not allowed to use any appliances in the church unless they have specifically asked the youth director to do so or have been requested to do so by an adult.

### **On Retreats and Trips**

1. Always remember the Youth Covenant that was signed on the registration for in order to attend the trip
2. Always act in a Christian like manner
3. Guests or friends on any outing are to be pre-arranged with the youth director by the youth's parent(s) or guardian(s).
4. Males are not allowed in designated female sleeping areas and vice-versa unless accompanied by a counselor or the youth director. Discipline will be 2. (Youth can only be in rooms together if there is more than one boy and one girl in the room and the room door is open.)
5. While in public, there will be a minimum of 4 youth required in each group unless accompanied by an adult. This does not include juniors and seniors, which may stay in groups of 2 or more. This means that groups of less than four must include at least 2 juniors and seniors.
6. Trip deposits are due on the day of the registration deadline and are non-refundable unless either some one else is found to take the youth's place, there is a death in the family, or the youth has an illness which prevents them from attending. Deposits turned in before the deadline can be refunded until the deadline date.
7. Late registration may be accepted, but neither room on the trip or a bed will be guaranteed. There will also be a 10% (minimum \$5) late registration fee required unless the youth is replacing another youth that cannot attend.
8. The final cost for the trip is due the Sunday before the trip unless other wise noted by the youth director
9. Though we like jokes, any practical joke will be evaluated by the Youth Director and my result in Discipline 2.

### **Changes to the FUMYF Constitution**

The current Youth Council may make additions and changes to the Constitution at any time.

Proposed additions and changes must be brought before the Youth Council and a vote must be taken in order to change the current Constitution. The Youth Director will prayerfully consider any request, but reserves the right to veto.

Constitution version as of February 2004.

I have read the above rules, and hereby agree to follow and support them at all Youth trips.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_