



## **Rockpointe Community Church Student Ministry Event Guidelines**

### **Driving Policy**

Students participating in official youth functions will be riding in designated buses, cars, or vans with designated RCC drivers. Very few exceptions will be made to this policy. Exceptions will be considered only with prior written or direct oral communication between the parent or guardian and the coordinating adult for each particular event. When exceptions are given to allow a student to drive him or herself to an offsite location, the exception will not allow that student to transport any others except for other immediate family members. Violations of this policy will be handled individually with a call to parents.

### **Leaving Events Early**

Once individuals arrive for a specific event, it is assumed that the student will be staying for the duration of the advertised length of time for the event. Students needing to leave early must have written permission from parents or prior oral communication to the adult supervising the event.

Parents will be contacted if it is known that a student has left an event early without prior parental permission.

### **Coming Late to an Overnight Event**

Occasionally students will have conflicts due to required school events or major family events that require them to arrive late for an overnight event. Students will be allowed to come late with prior parental communication to the adult supervising the event as long as the reason for coming late is a legitimate unavoidable conflict. (Arriving late due to a party or elective event will not be permitted.)

### **Overnight Functions**

For overnight functions there will be no guys in girl's rooms and vice versa. At hotels or other sites where there are not areas for students to hang out together, the coordinating adult for the event will designate a gathering room(s) where students can interact together. An open door policy will be used whenever guys and girls are together in these gathering rooms.

### **Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs**

Possession, use, or purchase of drugs, alcohol or tobacco while on youth functions is not acceptable. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken which will include contacting parents and sending a student home at (his or her) expense.

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## **Health Forms and Emergency Medical Release Forms**

All students are required to have on file a current health form and medical release form for each calendar year September 1 – August 31. Parent permission forms and liability release forms will be required before students can attend any out of county event. Permission forms will not necessarily be required for local events that may include general sporting types of events such as basketball, volleyball, or other similar team sport or game. It is assumed that parents and students will clearly communicate to adult staff, any physical limitations in regards to these types of games or sports.

Parents must update these forms as necessary during the September – August year.

## **Swimsuit Guidelines**

Girls-please wear an opaque one-piece swimsuit or a tankini.

Guys-please no Speedos or translucent shorts.

## **Behavior**

We expect all students to put themselves above others and act in accordance with the Biblical rule of treating others like you would like to be treated. The following items also need to be observed to keep a safe and fun environment:

- A. Students who are with their boyfriend or girlfriend should respect others by not showing public displays of affection that are intimate in nature.
- B. Please do not bring weapons of any kind on the trip, including knives, guns, Airsoft guns, paintball guns (unless designated for a specific trip), and the like. These items will result in a student being immediately sent home.
- C. Bullying will not be tolerated and this could be interpreted as practical jokes, so be careful with joking.
- D. Please do not spray perfumes or hair products in vans or enclosed areas.
- E. Cell phones and electronic devices such as pdas, dvd players, ipods, etc. are permitted as long as they do not take the student away from group interaction. Bring them at your own risk and liability.

I have read and agree to rsm event guidelines:

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Students \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***This form must be signed and turned in prior to attending an rsm event.***