

# **Youth Group Policies and Procedures 2007-2008**

**R.O.C.Y.M.**

**(Reflections of Christ Youth Ministry)**

*St. John's United Methodist Church*

*Dover, NH*

1. All youth will remember that the youth group is here for people to come and learn about God and His Son Jesus Christ and to have fun in His name.
2. All persons in grades 6-12 will be welcome at all youth group functions, regardless of their race, color, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, or national origin.
3. All youth will treat fellow youth and leaders with respect, consideration of values and opinions and in a Christ-like manner.
4. All youth are expected to fully participate in all functions for the entire duration of the event. Any youth needing to leave early needs to notify a youth leader and have written consent or be picked up by a parent.
5. Youth will not smoke or chew tobacco or consume any illegal substance on St. John's UMC property or at any youth group function.
6. Appropriate attire should be worn at all functions (i.e. no sandals during certain activities, no short and/or revealing clothing).
7. Foul or inappropriate language will not be allowed – *especially* taking the Lord's name in vain.
8. No physical contact between any two persons is permitted at youth group events.
9. No youth group member will be allowed to ride in a vehicle with a youth driver (19 yrs. or younger), unless it is a family member. No youth member will be allowed to drive to an off-site youth function unless prior arrangements have been made with the youth director and the youth has written permission from his/her parent or guardian.
10. Youth member parents/guardians will complete necessary permission slips and medical forms before a youth can participate. This includes guests of St. John's UMC members.
11. All youth group functions and events will be in accordance with the principles of the United Methodist Church and the St. John's UMC congregation.
12. All youth will be responsible for signing in at each youth group meeting and/or event.
13. All youth will be responsible for submitting necessary permission forms, applications and payments before the specified due date. Anyone failing to do so may be excluded from the event or allowed to participate, space permitting, at full cost to the youth.
14. In the event of a youth failing to follow any of the above rules, every attempt will be made to work with the youth to correct the problem. If our attempts are unsuccessful, a meeting will be held with the youth and his/her parents to discuss other alternatives.

*Please sign on the lower back side of the registration form to indicate you have received a copy of these policies and agree to abide by them. Thank you and welcome to R.O.C.Y.M.!*