MID-SOUTH DISTRICT LCMS

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH – GENERAL POLICIES

The purpose of all youth gatherings in the Mid-South District is to provide opportunity for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.

The following policies are intended to eliminate any hindrances to the stated purpose.

A. It is the policy of the Mid-South District Department of Youth that all participants (youth and adult) at a District/Region sponsored event/activity:

 1. Will refrain from the possession or use of all tobacco products.

1. Event leader will be notified and appropriate action will be taken. This action will include confiscation of tobacco product and may include parental contact and departure from the gathering.

 2. Will refrain from the possession or use of all alcoholic beverages.

1. Parents will be contacted immediately upon violation and will be expected to pick up their youth as soon as possible.
2. The home pastor will be contacted.

 3. Will refrain from the possession or use of all drugs.

1. The local law authorities will immediately be notified.
2. Parents will be contacted.
3. The home pastor will be contacted.

 4. Will be expected to respect all property.

* 1. Individuals are responsible for all facility abuse or vandalism incurred by them.
	2. Responsibility for unknown vandalism will be equally divided among the event participants.

 5. Will refrain from bringing any and all weapons (i.e. firearms, knives)

1. The local law authorities will immediately be notified.
2. Parents will be contacted.
3. The home pastor will be contacted.

 6. Will refrain from all inappropriate sexual behavior.

1. Parents may be contacted.
2. The home pastor may be contacted.

Suspicion or any of the above is grounds for action, which may include a search of person belongings and/or lodging arrangements.

 As a non-participant it is expected that you will report any of the above activities or be considered and dealt with as a participant.

B. Other discipline problems will be handled at the discretion of the event/activity staff.

C. All events involving misconduct will be handled in a Law/Gospel manner within the parameters of the above policy.

D. The Mid-south District Department of Youth strongly encourages event drivers to be 21 years or older. We recommend that each congregation set its own guidelines.

 1. During the event/activity no one under the age of 21 shall operate a motor vehicle.

In signing this, I acknowledge that I have read and understand these policies. I understand that if I fail to observe these policies I face the risk of dismissal from the event; travel back would be at my parent’s expense.

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(Youth signature) (Date)

I have read this contract which my youth is expected to abide by. I understand that if my youth fails to observe the policies listed above, I am responsible for, and will pay for the immediate transport of my youth to our home.

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(Parent/guardian signature for all participants under age 21) (Date)