

Covenant of Camp Jewell Retreat Attendees

This is a list of covenant rules that all participants of any Metro District conference subscribe to. Please read carefully and conscientiously. You will be held to them at the conference.

1. **We promote inclusive behavior.** Conferences provide an atmosphere where youth are made to feel safe, accepted and included. Exclusive behavior of any kind takes away from this sense of community. With the goals of safety and community in mind, participants are not allowed to leave the grounds of the conference or going outside after dark.
2. **We promote respectful behavior.** Conferences are a place where youth are encouraged and empowered to express themselves. This comes with the responsibility of being respectful towards one another. The space we are in must be respected and cared for; everyone will participate in clean-up. (A phrase you will undoubtedly hear more about: “No harshing on mellows.”)
3. **We encourage open-mindedness.** Conferences foster an open community, where people who are different as well as similar are made to feel welcome. Participants will try to remain open to growing in unexpected ways through the love and conflict experienced during the conference.
4. **Sexualized Behavior is not allowed.** Exclusive relationships prevent the community from remaining inclusive and safe for all. Sexualized behavior of any kind is not permitted at a YAC sanctioned conference or district event.
5. **Possession or use of Drugs and Alcohol are prohibited.** Possessing, using, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol is not permitted at any YAC sanctioned conference or district event. They destroy the safe atmosphere, as well as put all of the participants at risk.
6. **Violence and Abuse are unacceptable.** All forms of violence, physical, verbal, sexual or otherwise will not be tolerated during any YAC sanctioned event. ***Weapons are not permitted***, and will be viewed as intending or ignoring the possibility of a violent outcome. No one can vouch for how others will behave if they were to mistakenly come into possession of an object.
7. **The “no” rule.** Saying “no” to anything or not wanting to participate at any time is fine and is respected, with consideration for the community being built at the event. *Keep in mind one of the purposes of this retreat is to gain an understanding and appreciation for all the different generations in our congregation. The expectation is that youth will attend all multigenerational activities and services.*
8. **Buddy System** Youth will always travel in a buddy system of at least three people (example: to retrieve a jacket they forgot.) Their chaperones will have knowledge of the youth whereabouts at all times. Students may not opt out of an activity to go off on their own.

_____ Date _____
Student Signature

Student Printed Name