

Youth Code of Conduct

**Youth Mission Trip
July 10-16th, 2022**



>> To be read & signed by the Youth & Parent <<

We are pleased to have you as a participant for the Youth Mission Trip this year! Whether you are a member of Howell First United Methodist Church or a guest, our Youth Code of Conduct is based on the expectation that we will conduct ourselves in a Christian manner during ALL missions retreat related activities. This includes but is not limited to: riding in vehicles, using cabins or restrooms, using the dining hall, playing in gyms or other buildings, working at our hosts home, and when using game equipment.

The following is a statement of conduct to be read and agreed upon with your (the youths) signature. It is important that you discuss this code with your parents/guardians, and that you ALL understand this code. This code shall be signed and turned in by April 8th.

1. I will respect, listen to, and cooperate with all adult leaders of Howell FUMC and Group Mission Trips at *all* times.
2. I will respect the campus which we are using for the Youth Mission Trip, as well as the home I am assigned to. I will do my best to keep all areas of the lodging facility and other buildings clean and free from litter. I will respect the property and grounds serving as my "home" for the weekend. I understand that it will be my personal responsibility to repair or replace any property I damage. I will leave the home I am serving at better than I found it.
3. I will respect my peers. I understand that bullying will NOT be tolerated under any circumstance. As a youth group, we are committed to a safe and civil environment for all students, employees, volunteers and visitors, free from harassment, intimidation or bullying. This includes but is not limited to any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that:
 - a. Harms a person physically, mentally, or spiritually
 - b. Damages a person's property
 - c. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a person's spiritual education
 - d. Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening environment
 - e. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the trip
4. I will reflect a Christian attitude in all personal relationships. Inappropriate Public Displays of Affection (PDA) such as kissing or any action sexual in nature, etc. are not permitted during any Summer Retreat related activity.
5. I will refrain from using profanity, exhibiting improper behavior, using alcohol or illegal substances and possessing drugs and/or weapons.
6. I agree to stay with the group/on the campus at all times. I understand that I cannot leave the Group Mission Trips campus without the permission of a Howell FUMC leader. This will result in me being sent home from the retreat at Parent/Guardian expense.

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Failure to comply with our Statement of Conduct:

Students are expected to follow the Code of Conduct as set forth above. When behavior contrary to our statement of conduct occurs, the adult observing the behavior, or to whom the behavior is reported, shall address the person(s) responsible with a clear request that the behavior be stopped, changed, or avoided. The Youth Director shall also be made aware of the situation. Discipline will be related to the severity of the incident and includes the following: a verbal warning, parent notification, time out from the group/event, or dismissal from the retreat at the expense of the parent/guardian.

To be signed by Participant and Parent/Guardian:

I have read, discussed, and understand the Howell FUMC Youth Code of Conduct.

By signing this form, along with my parent/guardian, I agree to follow each of the above rules. I understand that such policies help to ensure the physical and spiritual safety of all who participate in the event, whether that be other youth, leaders, or the community we are visiting.

Student:

(Student Name – Printed)

(Date)

(Student Signature)

Parent/Guardian:

(Parent/Guardian Name – Printed)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)