

# HPC Youth Covenant

## 2018-2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

*Our desire for the youth ministry at HPC is to continue our young people's journey with Jesus Christ. At all of our activities, we seek to create an environment where youth, advisors, and staff can fully experience the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to accomplish this goal, we seek to limit activities, behaviors, and equipment which get in the way of an individual's spiritual growth. As such, we ask you to carefully read these covenants. It is necessary that youth and their parents read and understand the following covenants. Each statement represents a serious standard that is required by Heritage Presbyterian Church. By participating in youth activities and by signing this form, youth and their parents are stating that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by these covenants.*

- I understand that events are a time of recreation, social interaction and devotion, and I agree to participate in all organized dimensions of this event. I understand that I represent HPC at all times, and agree to present myself in an appropriate manner.
- I understand that I will respect, follow and obey all youth leadership without hesitation, reservation, or complaint. I clearly understand that at least one HPC advisor/staff must know where I am at all times and that I will never be allowed to venture off by myself.
- I will respect the property and privacy of all others and their possessions at all times. Pranks involving personal property are prohibited. Personal or corporate property damaged by a participant becomes the participants and/or parents financial obligation.
- I understand and will honor HPC requirements on the use of various electronics. I will follow the direction of the event leader in regards to the use of all electronics, not limited to cell phones, eBooks and tablets.
- I understand that I will not go into a room designated for the opposite sex for any reason. I also understand that I will not engage in public displays of affections which are considered inappropriate for HPC activities.
- If rooming is applicable to any overnight activity, I understand that the Youth Advisor may make room assignments. I may not always get the exact roommates I desire.
- I understand that all matters of legal concern will be strictly handled by the local legal authorities, with absolutely no exceptions. Examples include vandalism, alcohol, drug use, tobacco products, fighting, stealing, sexual acts, or possessing weapons. I understand that if I engage in such activities I can fully expect law enforcement involvement - if applicable. Parents will be contacted. I will be sent home immediately, and my future privilege to participate in HPC Youth events will then be determined by the HPC Session.
- I understand that HPC Advisors/Staff have the right to, with my parents' permission, search any personal possessions in my presence if they should feel reasonable cause.
- Students who are unable to fulfill the above expectations or become rebellious during a retreat, conference or activity can be sent home and it is the parent's responsibility to secure this transportation whether by their personal vehicle or by public transportation.

**I will follow the above covenants and act with respect towards HPC youth leadership. I understand the consequences should I choose not to follow the rules.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As parents of the above student, we understand the above stated guidelines, safety procedures and potential consequences. If our child chooses to not honor the above covenants, we understand that they will have to accept the consequences as deemed by HPC Staff or Advisors. If this results in additional travel and legal expenses, we agree to make sure it is paid. These covenants have been discussed with our child and we are confident that they will honor these requirements.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Names: \_\_\_\_\_