

# Canvas Church Youth Group

## Rules and Guidelines

(General Conduct Code)

*The vision of the Canvas Uprising is to mentor and equip our teens to develop a faith that exists outside of the church building. A walk with Christ that is dynamic, lived out and shared beyond the church walls.*

***Uprising Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you, be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”***

### Youth Group Guidelines

*The teens of the CCY Group will seek to be SERVANTS. Therefore, we act in accordance with our faith and our vision.*

- Imitate Christ (Ephesians 5:1)
- Reaching Out (Matthew 25:31-40)
- Agape Love (John 13:34-35)
- Nourishing Relationships (1 Peter 4:8-10)
- Time of Worship (Matthew 25:31-40)
- Sacrificial Service (Luke 9:23)

**We are ambassador for Christ and this church and, as such, our actions and words provide either a good or bad example. (Romans 12:1)**

***Show respect for everyone you come in contact with, by your actions and your words. This means that making fun of others and cutting each other down is not acceptable.***

- Keep your hands to yourself, no fighting, hitting, slapping, kicking, punching. Etc.
- Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ. (e.g., do not speak when someone else is speaking.)
- Respect the facilities. (e.g., do not throw or kick balls at the doors or walls, no standing, walking or running on church furniture or chairs, clean up after yourself.)
- No obscene language.
- No drugs (including K2), alcohol, or tobacco use.
- No Weapons
- Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate.

### **Dress Guidelines:**

*It is important that our dress is appropriate. It is our intention to pursue holiness, purity and be pleasing to God. Clothing should not be disruptive or bring unnecessary attention to the wearer. The following will not be permitted:*

- Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, see through clothing, tube tops, halter tops.
- Bathing suits need prior approval – no bikini's.
- Visible undergarments, no bra straps showing. Pants should be worn at waist/hip level.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts and garments that are no shorter than the three inches above the knee, or worn with athletic shorts, or tights (not translucent panty-hose).
- No clothing with offensive or obscene pictures and/or words.

\*Consequences of violating these rules will be immediate and certain.

### ***Consequences for Disruption Behavior During Class***

***We gather together twice a week for a period of worship and study. We cannot allow disruptive behavior to detract from our time together and our focus on Christ. Disruptive classroom behavior will result in the following progressive consequences on a case by case basis as determined by Youth Leadership Team:***

- First Offense: Student will receive a verbal warning from the teacher or assisting adult in the classroom.
- Second Offense: Student will be removed from class by an assisting adult. Hopefully, a private discussion will resolve the problem and, if the problem is resolved, the student may return to class.
- Third Offense: The student will be removed from class by an assisting adult. The student will be required to notify their parent of their classroom behavior as expediently as possible, on the same day as occurrence.

***Resolution of the issue will be affected by the student, parents and teacher prior to the student returning to class. This will be resolved on a case by case basis.***

### ***Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior While on Trips***

Disruptive or unsafe behavior on trips will not be tolerated. Disruptive and unsafe behavior includes any violation of the Youth Group Rules as well as specific rules imposed for that trip. The final authority determining what is and is not considered disruptive and unsafe behavior will be the Youth Team.

*Consequences will be progressive:*

- First Offense: Student will contact his or her parent(s) to explain the problem. An adult will then speak to the parent in order to ensure that the parent understands the situation. Appropriate consequences will be enforced on the trip.

*Example: A student intentionally disregards the physical boundaries and walks across the street to Starbucks. The student will call his or her parents and everyone will have a discussion. As an appropriate consequence, that student will have an opportunity to form a lasting relationship with a chaperone for the remainder of the trip.*

- Second Offense: Student will be sent **home at his or her own expense**. The student will contact his or her parent(s) to explain the problem and arrange for transportation home. An adult will then speak to the parent in order to ensure that the parent understands the situation.

***As a student in the CANVAS UPRISING, I have prayerfully read and understand Uprising's General Conduct Code and choose to adhere to it at all Uprising functions.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

***As a parent of a youth in CANVAS UPRISING, I have prayerfully read and understand Uprising's General Conduct Code. I understand that Wednesday Night Youth Service begins at 6:30pm, that no student will be on CANVAS property before 6:00pm on Wednesdays, or after 7:00pm on Sunday evenings. I further understand Youth Small Group meets weekly at CANVAS Church and begins at 6:30pm and dismisses youth at 7:30pm. No students will be on CANVAS property before 6pm on Wednesdays or after 8:30pm on Wednesdays. I support the Code of Conduct and expect my child to adhere to it at all times.***

*(Times are restricted for your youth's safety and will be enforced unless prior parental arrangements for dance, or other extracurricular activities, are made and students are under the care of an adult).*

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_