

FORM "F" (YOUTH)

DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT & GUIDELINES

We want you to enjoy your time here as well as learn some valuable information to take back to your parish. This is a time to meet people, exchange ideas and experience the community of Church. We ask that you display mature, responsible leadership and character.

1. THE PARTICIPANT takes full responsibility for any damage or theft done at the rally site, please respect property. Adult sponsors/chaperones will be assigned to a group of participants. Please check in with your chaperone on a regular basis. If you have any questions, please contact your chaperone.
2. All Adult Leaders are your Sponsors. Be respectful and obedient to all adult leaders.
3. Participants are expected to attend all conference activities. Remember: NAME TAGS/BANDS are to be worn at all times in order to be admitted to all activities.
4. Youth who cause problems will be reported to the Diocesan Director. If necessary, parents will be notified and youth will be sent home.
5. You cannot leave the premises for any reason whatsoever. If something needs to be done, please ask your adult leader or a staff member. If you need change, please check with the Hospitality/Lost and found booth.
6. Please place all trash in the proper containers. If you notice a liquid spill, please notify the Hospitality booth at once!
7. NO NO NO talking during presentations, unless discussion is asked for.
8. Stay in your seats during presentations/activities/Mass unless it is an emergency. (Especially during Consecration)
9. If you are taking any prescription medication, please register and leave them with the First-Aid booth. If at anytime, you feel ill, please have a sponsor or staff member take you to the First-Aid booth.
10. NO Public Display of Affection >>P.D.A. making out << -- Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times. Shorts may be worn when not in session (at breaks, park, etc.) but must be in good taste. Adult Leaders will give approval on clothing.

ALL PARTICIPANTS are to refrain from drinking. The purchase, possession or consumption of beer, wine, other alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products by minors and the possession or use of illegal drugs by any individual will not be tolerated. These are state laws, which must be obeyed. Infraction of these rules will mean immediate dismissal from the Diocesan Activity. The hotel bars and lounges are OFF LIMITS.

CODE OF CONDUCT AT HOTEL

11. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times when not in your hotel room.
12. Socializing prior to curfew should be done in the public areas of the hotel since noise levels must be kept to a minimum in the sleeping areas. This guarantees the right to privacy and to peace and quiet, for not only fellow activity attendees, but also other guests who may be staying in the hotel at the time. Please be respectful of these other persons and use rooms for sleeping, not for visiting.
13. No visiting is allowed in rooms by members of the opposite sex unless an adult chaperone/sponsor is present.

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Diocese of Lubbock Youth Rally 2008 Adult Code of Conduct

Young people are the most important gifts God entrusts to us. As an adult participant in our youth rally, I promise to strictly follow these policies and the following standards as a condition of my providing services to either my parish or the Diocese of Lubbock.

I will:

Conduct myself in a manner that exhibits the highest Christian ethical standards and avoids even the appearance of impropriety, and therefore I will:

- 1) Report suspected abuse of any minor to the appropriate authorities.
- 2) Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of minors.
- 3) Develop and maintain the level of skill required to be competent.
- 4) Be knowledgeable of and adhere to all applicable aspects of the Safe Environment Program.
- 5) Complete training in youth protection.
- 6) Treat everyone with respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
- 7) Honor the equality of all people, avoiding all forms of discrimination and respecting the dignity of each person without regard to economic status, age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or physical or mental abilities.
- 8) Use positive reinforcement and communication rather than criticism, unhealthy competition, or comparison.
- 9) Become thoroughly familiar with the objectives and guidelines of the program in which I am participating and strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them appropriately.
- 10) Be responsible and/or accountable for stewardship of all resources entrusted to my care.
- 11) Uphold the authority of those responsible for the program or activity in which I am participating and assist them in every way to encourage learning and to conduct fair and impartial events.
- 12) Avoid situations where I am alone with minors, always following the two adult rule.
- 13) Avoid any form of excessive familiarity, inappropriate language, or any situation and conduct that exploits or could give the appearance of exploiting another.
- 14) Follow practices that consistently exhibit no tolerance for any form of abusive behavior.
- 15) Follow practices that demonstrate appropriate relationships between all diocesan personnel and minors that are important for a child's development and a positive part of ministry.

I will not:

- 1) Use physical affection to initiate inappropriate contact with minors.
- 2) Touch a minor in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.
- 3) Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of minors.
- 4) Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol while supervising minors or while participating in a diocesan youth event.
- 5) Pose any known health risk to minors (i.e., no fevers or other contagious situations).
- 6) Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, demean, nor degrade minors or others nor tolerate such behavior in the environment for which I am responsible.
- 7) Use physical discipline in any way for behavior management of minors. No form of physical discipline is acceptable. This includes but is not limited to spanking, slapping, pinching, shaking, hitting or any other physical force as retaliation or correction for inappropriate behavior of a minor.
- 8) Use profanity in any form in the presence of minors.

I hereby represent that I am not currently being investigated for, nor have I ever been convicted of a disqualifying offense. I have never been terminated from employment or a volunteer position for reasons related to allegations of physical or sexual abuse by me; nor have I sought or received any medical, physical, or psychological treatment for reasons involving physical or sexual abuse by me.

I understand that should my response to any of the statements above change, I am obligated to inform my diocese immediately. Further, I understand that my failure to agree to and abide by the Adult Code of Conduct will bar me from participation in any diocesan sponsored youth event.

_____ (signature) _____ (parish)