

Shenkel United Church of Christ Youth Covenant

The mission of Shenkel Youth Group is to offer opportunities for youth in grades 7-12 to grow in faith, develop their gifts for Christian leadership, practice hospitality, reach out and care for people around them, and honor their commitments to God and each other. Goals for individual meetings and events include growing and learning together and exploring and sharing our faith while having fun and bringing out the best in each another. So that these things can happen, all participants in Shenkel Youth Group are asked to join in this covenant:

With awareness of and trust in God's presence with us, when participating in any Youth group meeting, program, or event I covenant:

1. I will participate in all activities, working together to learn and grow from my experience of the event.
2. I will reach out to welcome new people, make new friends, strengthen relationships, and treat all people with dignity and respect.
3. I will treat all property with dignity and respect, and if I accidentally damage property, I will take responsibility for the damage and inform an adult leader.
4. I will not engage in sexual activity, and will follow the guidelines set forth by the Leaders for visiting rooms of members of the opposite sex. No girls may visit boys' rooms and vice versa. All free time activities must occur in common meeting areas unless approved by Youth Advisors.
5. I will not bring or use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at any youth activity. I will inform an adult leader of any prescription drugs or over-the-counter medicines I need to take during the course of any youth event.
6. I will not bring a weapon of any kind with me.
7. I will respect the rights and personal properties of others.
8. I will not leave the event unless I have previously provided the leaders with written and verbal parental permission to do so.

I understand that I am responsible for my behavior. If I choose to not follow the rules outlined above or any other rules set forth by the leaders during an event, I understand that my parents may be called immediately to pick me up, regardless of the time of day or night.

Participant's signature _____

Date _____

Parent: By signing below I agree to support the Youth Group Leadership Team in its efforts to fulfill the group's mission and goals. I understand what is expected by the youth advisors and will assume any costs involved with an early termination of my child's participation in any meeting, program or event due to a violation of these expectations.

Parent's/Guardian's signature _____

Date _____