

# ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE PASTORAL POLICIES STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR TEEN PARTICIPANTS

**Parents and youth**, please read these guidelines together and sign at the bottom of the page.

**1. CHAPERONES** The parish leaders and the adult supervisors and chaperones are in charge of this event and its activities. If any emergency or unfortunate situation occurs, they are to be informed of it immediately. Teens will follow instructions from the designated adult supervisors and chaperones of each parish involved with this event.

**2. PARTICIPATION** Every person at this event will attend all of the scheduled activities if he or she is on the premises. Everyone is expected to participate and not wander off alone or with a group unsupervised by an adult chaperone. Participants will stay on the designated premises of the event, unless supervised by their own parent or their parish's designated adult chaperone.

**3. FIREARMS & FIREWORKS** Participants are not allowed to have firearms, slingshots, knives, any other weapon, or fireworks of any type in their possession at any time during the event.

**4. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, E-Cigarettes & ILLEGAL DRUGS** Under no circumstances may alcohol, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, vaping, e-cigarettes, or illegal drugs be part of any youth event within the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

**5. UNCONTROLLABLE BEHAVIOR** Any behavior by teens that cannot be controlled by the adult chaperones will not be tolerated. If possible, parents will be contacted immediately and asked to come pick up their child. If transportation is necessary, it will be at the parent's own time and expense. If necessary during a trip that involves air travel, the teen may be sent home on an earlier flight, at the expense of the parent.

**6. JOBS & CHORES** All participants need to perform important tasks that help the event run smoothly, so please do your part when asked or instructed.

**7. BREAKS AND FREE TIME** During breaks and free time, youth will remain on the designated premises unless accompanied by their own parent or a designated adult chaperone. During breaks, it is important to follow the time limits that are set and return promptly to regularly scheduled activities, so you do not delay the event schedule.

**8. BODY PIERCING AND TATOOS** Under no circumstances are participants allowed to receive any new body piercing or tattoos during the event, while away from home.

**9. SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS** For overnight activities, all sleeping situations will remain segregated by gender. Men are not allowed in the rooms of women. Women are not allowed in the rooms of men. If groups must sleep in a large open space, the room will be divided by the adult chaperones with females on one side and males on the other, with a clear line of division between the members of different genders. In hotels, adults may not share rooms with youth, unless it is a parent and their own child. An adult may not share a hotel room with a teen that is not their child under any circumstances. In Cabins, it is preferable that adults and teens do not sleep in the same cabin, but if they must, there must be at least 2 adults of the same gender supervising youth of the same gender and neither of those 2 adults should ever be alone in the cabin with the youth.

**10. ENFORCEMENT POLICY** Any infraction of the above rules will result in immediate contact of parents and law enforcement if any laws have been broken, youth will contact their parents, and youth will be asked to return home at the cost and time of the parents or legal guardians.

**We have read the rules and regulations that are listed on this sheet, and we understand that in the event that teens fail to abide by these rules, appropriate means of reprimand will result, which will involve the police if civil laws are broken. Also, we understand that at any time, parents or legal guardians may be contacted regarding their teen's behavior and may be asked to come get their child and take the teen home at the parent's own expense and time and we will not delay in doing so if this need arises.**

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Youth Signature & Date

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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature & Date