

Discovery Church Student Ministries

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited that your family has decided to be part of Discovery Church. We offer a variety of classes and activities throughout the year. Our teen program, DT356 is for students in grades sixth through twelfth. The group meets two times a week (Sundays 10:30 am & Wednesdays 6:30 pm) and once a month for special planned trips/activities. Please visit our website for more details. www.discoverychurchvb.org

Our goal is for students to know Jesus, grow in a relationship with Him, and learn to share their faith. We strive to create an environment where students feel safe to share, trust and support each other, have fun, and learn about God. Our team consists of Youth Leader, Jill Herr; Youth Coordinator, Suzanne Richardson; and Youth Assistants, Steve Klante & Shannon Nelson.

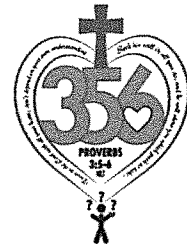
In order to participate in the youth program, we ask that you and your teen read over, sign, and return the attached forms. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. My contact information is listed below. We look forward to teaching your teen about God and deepening their walk with Jesus.

Jill Herr

Minister of Education

Mon. – Th. 9:00 – 2:00

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Expectation and Accountability Agreement for the Parents/Students of Discovery Church

General Guidelines

(These apply on church property as well as church outings of any kind: i.e. Mission Trips, Concerts, Service Projects, etc.)

- No obscene language
- No drug, alcohol, or tobacco use
- No wandering away from the church leader(s)
- No Public Display of Affection (PDA) with significant other
- No weapons of any kind (includes but not limited to: guns, knives, razor blades, or box cutters)
- Respect all facilities
- Keep a positive attitude

*Remember that you are an ambassador of Christ and this church – your actions and words can provide a good or bad example.

Speech

We are not to put others down by gossiping, being sarcastic, using negative remarks, or calling each other names. Instead, we are to treat others with kindness and offer words of encouragement. Student Ministries is to help us better understand ourselves in the light of being made in God's image and not to criticize one another.

Respect

-We are to be recognized by the Leader(s) before speaking. It is expected that we will allow the person speaking to complete his or her thoughts before we interject. Keep focused on the topic(s) at hand and think before speaking (we are not to talk just to be talking).

-In order to create a bond amongst others, we are to uphold our discussions as being confidential. If you feel you cannot do so, please see your Leader(s) before you speak out and seek guidance on how to handle your feelings appropriately.

-Adult Leaders are to be respected at all times. They spend their own time preparing and planning topics for discussion and exercises to lead you into a deeper relationship with Christ and each other. Do not talk back, do not interrupt them or speak in a questionable manner to them. Your presence in Discovery Church's Student Ministry events and activities require you to follow the instructions of your Leader(s) at all times.

Dress

Remember that you are in the House of God (or a representative of Him while on trips) and you are to dress accordingly. Do not wear any revealing or suggestive clothing. I.e. no bare backs or mid-drifts, short shorts, and under garments are to be underneath regular clothing (not visible). If you are dressed inappropriately, you will be sent home to change.

Technology Devices

We understand that we live in a technology age. However, these devices can become a great distraction during events and activities. All such devices are to be silenced or turned off at the start of class or activity. If for some reason, you are using your device, a warning will be given and the next offense will result in your device be taken away until the end of class or activity. If for some reason you need to contact a parent, ask your Leader(s) for permission.

Consequences

We cannot allow disruptive behaviors to hinder the goals of Student Ministry. The Leaders of Discovery Church reserve the right to administer discipline for breach of any of the aforementioned expectations.

During class time we gather together for worship and study, we cannot allow disruptive behavior to detract our focus from Jesus Christ (the reason for our being together in the first place). Classroom disruption will result in the following:

- 1) **First Occurrence-** Student will receive a verbal warning from the Leader(s).
- 2) **Second Occurrence-** Student will be removed from the class and a private discussion to resolve the behavior will take place. Once resolved, the student may return to the class.
- 3) **Third Occurrence-** Student will be removed from the class and the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified immediately. Student will not be allowed to return to class until after a conference with Leader(s), Student Ministry Director, and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) has reached a solution for student's behavior.

While on trips there is an incredible responsibility to take students on trips of any kind. Proper behavior is not just expected, it is required at all times. Disruption of trips will result in the following:

- 1) **First Occurrence-** Student will contact parent(s) or guardian(s) with leader present to explain the situation causing disruption. Student will now be required to remain in the presence of the leader(s) throughout the trip.
- 2) **Second Occurrence-** Student will be sent home with no expense to the church or Student Ministry Leaders. The student will contact his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) to explain the problem and arrange transportation home at first opportunity. A leader will ensure that parent(s) or guardian(s) are clear of what the offense was requiring such action.
- 3) **Third Occurrence-** Student will no longer be allowed to participate in any further events or activities away from the church for a period of three months (minimum) and may only attend future events after noticeable improvement in behavior.

***Please keep this copy for your records.**

Discovery Church Student Guidelines

As a student of the Discovery Church Student Ministry, I have read and understand the Discovery Church's Expectation and Accountability Agreement guidelines for my behavior and I will adhere to them at all Discovery Church events and activities.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

As a parent or guardian of a student in the Discovery Church Student Ministry, I have read and understand Discovery Church's Expectation and Accountability Agreement and I expect my teen(s) to adhere to the aforementioned guidelines at all times.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

***Please sign and return to the Student Ministries Leader(s).**

Student Information Sheet

Name _____ DOB _____

Home Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Favorite Color _____ Favorite Candy _____

Favorite Drink _____ Favorite Food _____

Hobbies & Interests

Special Requirements

Medications _____

Allergies _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Relationship _____

Address (if different from above) _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number (local)

DISCOVERY CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

GENERAL PERMISSION FORM ²⁰¹⁶ 2015

Through this agreement, I give _____ my permission ("Permission Form") to go with the Discovery Church Student Ministries on their various events and outings. These events and outings range from concerts, camps, retreats, local recreational activities, and mission projects. I realize that this is a general form to be placed on file in the Minister of Education's office, which Discovery Church Student Ministries may use when necessary. I also understand that a separate short form, which incorporates this Permission Form therein, will be used for each particular event to show that I have further consented thereto for my student to travel with the Student Ministries of Discovery Church.

Legal Guardian(s) Name: _____ Phone: _____

If unable to reach parent/guardian in case of an emergency - Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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If a medical emergency should arise while at the outing/event and I cannot be immediately contacted, I hereby give permission to Discovery Church Student Ministries to select a physician and/or hospital for my child's care. I hereby also give the physician and/or hospital, as selected by Discovery Church Student Ministries, my permission to hospitalize, medically treat, order injections, or surgery as medically necessary for my child, as reasonable determined and advised by proper medical personnel.

Insurance company name: (Please attach a copy of insurance card) _____

Policy No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Type of Coverage: _____

Address of company: _____

Legal Guardian(s) Signature: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Any allergies or other medical concerns? _____

STUDENT WAIVER AS TO PERSONAL PROPERTY

I understand that it is my responsibility to safeguard any personal property I bring on any outing/event. I further understand that Discovery Church will not be responsible under any circumstances for any property lost, misplaced, or stolen, either directly or indirectly. I further understand that such loss may or may not be covered under my homeowner's policy and that arrangements for such insurance are my responsibility. I also acknowledge and agree that Discovery Church does not have any insurance coverage related to any such loss of my own personal property.

Date: _____ Student Signature: _____

The undersigned parent(s) of _____, have signed below to indicate our agreement to the forgoing.

Legal Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Please print your name and address here:

Phone number: _____
