

**2009-10**  
**Youth Ministries Medical Release & Community Covenant**  
 The Church of The Holy Comforter - Episcopal  
 2701 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209, Phone: 704-332-4171

<b>Participant Info</b>	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
	Birthday: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____ Grade: _____
	Address (include city if NOT Charlotte): _____ Zip: _____
	Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
	Email: _____
	Clubs, Sports, Hobbies, etc: _____
	<i>Advisors Only Complete Below.</i>
	Vocation: _____ Employer: _____
	Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
	Fav. Store: _____ Fav. Restaurant: _____

<b>Guardian Info</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian 1: _____ Relationship: _____
	Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
	Vocation: _____ Employer: _____
	<i>If different from participant:</i>
	Address: _____ Zip: _____
	Home Phone: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian 2: _____ Relationship: _____
	Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
	Vocation: _____ Employer: _____
	<i>If different from participant:</i>
	Address: _____ Zip: _____
	Home Phone: _____
	<b>Preferred Guardian to receive Youth Ministries Updates and Info:</b> <i>Please check the box next to the Guardian above who should receive Youth Ministries related email and provide that address below.</i>
	Email: _____
	Notes <i>(Indicate if you have a question, special skill, or other info that may be helpful to our ministries):</i>
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**Medical & Emergency Info**

Name of Physician's Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy/Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*In the event that a stated guardian can not be reached, please contact:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph.: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (check & list):      \_\_\_ Food      \_\_\_ Medicine      \_\_\_ Other

Details (including treatment & medications): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications (for trips/events: medications should be packaged w/name and instructions clearly written and kept in the possession of an adult leader): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any other information that should be known (health/medical concerns, special needs, etc.)

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**Consent**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give my permission as legal parent/guardian for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the meetings/activities/trips sponsored by Church of the Holy Comforter. By signing, I authorize the staff of the particular event to act on my behalf in the event of accident or injury, should I not be reachable by phone. I give my permission for adults in charge to administer over the counter medications when necessary to my child at the adult's discretion. I agree to release Church of the Holy Comforter and its employees from any liability.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to:

- † Make decisions that are inclusive and healthy for myself and for our community (including the use of technology - mp3 players, cell phones, video ipods, etc - as requested per event. See page 4).
- † Respect the dignity of all people and the value of all property through my actions and speech.

By signing below, I also acknowledge that the following behaviors are not acceptable in our community, whether on-campus or off-campus, and that any of these behaviors are grounds for being sent home immediately from the event at my family's expense:

- † Engaging in sexual conduct, behavior, or contact...including sexting anyone within or outside our community
- † Possessing, using, or being under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances or non-prescribed drugs (including tobacco products and abuse of prescribed drugs)
- † Possessing or using weapons (including fireworks)

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I recognize that if my son/daughter engages in any of the behaviors above, **I will be contacted to pick him/her up immediately at the event location at my expense.**

Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about this form or the Community Covenant please contact the **Director of Youth Ministries** at the number listed at the top of Page 1.

This form must be completed and returned to the Director of Youth Ministries before participating in any youth events or trips...including weekly EYC meetings.

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them. Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecies spoken to you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

- 1 Timothy 4:12-14

**Please read about Youth Ministries & Technologies on the following page.**

## Youth Ministries & Technology at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Charlotte NC

Technology has dramatically improved our lives. However in some cases we may allow it to overstep its intended bounds and purposes. One of these areas includes the intentional community we try to build in youth ministries: Christian Education, EYC, trips, retreats, etc.

We will continue to seek creative ways to include technology and teen's tech skills into our ministry. However teens and adults sometimes struggle with the appropriate times to use iPods and cell phones – and this has the potential to become disrespectful and sometimes fracture our community. Understanding that our generations approach "community" and "being connected" in different ways, we are challenged to find the balance in using technology constructively and not allowing it to deconstruct our community.

We need your help in achieving this goal.

### Reasons for technology guidelines:

1. Common courtesy and respect for others - especially to whoever is trying to explain the event, activity, devotional, etc.
2. Intentional Community – we want everyone to be fully present with us in mind, body and spirit. We can't get to know one another through conversation and interaction if our eyes are glued to a screen and ear-buds tune out everything around us.
3. During youth conferences, camps, etc it is common practice for the community to be cloistered or "closed." This typically includes the use of nametags, requiring participants to stay within the community for the entire event and not allowing others to enter the community for a single occasion or just to say "hi." The two main reasons for this are: establishing and building community among the participants and safety – knowing who is supposed to be there and who is not. In one respect, the cell phones can make this goal more difficult to achieve since non-participants can "enter" the community through phones calls, texting, email, etc.

### Technology Guidelines

1. In general, please refrain from using iPods, cell phones, etc. during community times. This means when we are supposed to be focused on an activity, discussion, game, devotional, etc during EYC, Christian Education, special events or trips. Any need for these items for program purposes will be announced in advance.
2. On trips – the use of mp3 players during van rides or at bedtime is usually allowed. Video players are not permitted and we ask that you not use the video function of your mp3 player or cell phone. We welcome and encourage the use of iTrips so that you can share your music with the group! Again please respect our community times and do not use phones or players during these times. Whenever possible an emergency landline number is provided with trip registration material.
3. We ask parents to let your teen initiate contact with you while they are at an event. If you have not heard from them, it probably means they are doing just fine and having a blast!
4. Adults will have phones with them in case of emergency.
5. Guidelines may fluctuate dependent upon the circumstances of the particular event or trip.

Thank for you helping us achieve true community in youth ministries!