

# WHHE Teen Code of Conduct, Policies, & Orientation Acknowledgement

## Good Conduct in Dress (Romans 14:13; Titus 2:7-8; Ephesians 4:29; I Timothy 2:8-10)

*I have read and agree to abide by the Good Conduct in Dress: Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

1. Modest dress required. Clothing should not be tight or revealing. At no time should your midriff be visible.
2. Our dress should reflect kindness towards others. Anything that would be perceived as offensive is off limits. "In your face" type of dress should be avoided. Clothing worn in public is not exclusively for the ease and comfort of the wearer.
3. Slogans or logos should not contain any words, phrases, or images that are crude, vulgar, or offensive including but not limited to skulls, suggestions of death, destruction, blood, gore, etc..
4. Clothing should fit and be in good repair.
5. Underwear should not be visible. (Includes bra straps for girls and boxer shorts for guys.)
6. Shorts **must** be fingertip length. No short-shorts will be allowed.
7. Cover shoulders with a strap not less than 1 inch wide; Girls, no spaghetti straps or strapless tops. **(Spaghetti straps are allowed at the Formal, but will be discussed more as time for the event approaches.)**
8. Boys, no muscle shirts.
9. Any tattoos should be covered.
10. Our focus is on respect & unity. Please avoid political attire & other topics that would make others feel uncomfortable or isolated.

## Good Conduct in Behavior (Romans 13:3; Galatians 5:22; I John 3:18; I Timothy 4:12; Lev. 19:11; Isaiah 5:22; I Peter 1:13)

*I have read and agree to abide by the standards listed of Good Conduct in Behavior: Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

1. Exhibit prompt obedience to those in authority specifically adult leadership in WHHE & adult leaders at venues. Arguing with an adult leader may result in immediate removal.
2. Show kindness and gentleness to others by being inclusive with **all** members. Cliques will not be tolerated.
3. Use good manners at all times, put others first, & remember our goal is to focus on unity.
4. The WHHE Teen Group maintains a strict --No Dating at Our Events-- Policy. Physical contact between members should be limited to only that which would be appropriate between friends when you are attending our events. You are welcome to date, of course, but we do not want to be able to tell you are dating at our events as it changes the group dynamics.
5. Show respect for the property of others.
6. Absolutely no alcohol, cigarettes, or other drugs/controlled substances allowed at any WHHE activity.
7. Late RSVP's will result in a \$3.00 or \$5.00 fee in addition to any fees required for the event as per the details in the article for the event. Keep in mind that it will not be possible to RSVP late for some events.
8. Electronic devices including cell phones are not to be out during teen events. They can be used to contact parents when the event is close to ending to arrange for pickup though this should already be communicated.
9. Parents who drop their teen off at an event must pick them up on time as per the information in the event article. Failure to do may result in fines each period of 10 minutes that the parent is late. Adult leadership will not be responsible for bringing other teens home from events.
10. While all are welcome to our group, please understand that we operate with Christian values that are often reflected In our events including times of prayer & devotions centered on the Bible.

## Good Conduct in Speech (Ephesians 5:21; Proverbs 8:13; Proverbs 13:18; Ephesians 4:29; Ephesians 5:4; I Timothy 4:12)

*I have read and agree to abide by the standards listed of Good Conduct in Speech: Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

1. Speak respectfully TO everyone. Do not argue with adults or fellow teens. If a disagreement occurs, go to an adult leader immediately. Exhibit kindness in speech towards others: no put downs or insults.
2. Speak respectfully ABOUT everyone. Disrespectful speech ABOUT anyone at any time will not be tolerated. No gossiping.
3. Be respectful when speaking about yourself. Do not say things even about yourself that will be offensive or inappropriate to others. If you would not want your grandmother to hear you saying it, do not say it.
4. Be mindful of our focus on respect and unity. With that in mind, avoid debates about politics or discussing controversial issues. Also be mindful we have a range of ages and grades, and not all topics are appropriate for all student levels.
5. Respond to correction promptly and appropriately.
6. No coarse jesting or filthy talk. No profanity will be allowed including what some may consider milder forms of profanity. Anything that is perceived by others to be offensive should be curtailed.
7. Cell phones must be put away during teen events or they will be confiscated. Our group is for socializing, serving, & learning together. Cell phone photos are fine, but do not post on social media unless all parties in the photo are in approval.

## Parent & Teen Online Orientation

*I have read, understand, & agree to abide by the Online Orientation. Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

### Driving Policy

*I have read and agree to abide by the Driving Policy. Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

WHHE Teen Group does NOT allow teens to be drivers for teen events. Teens may drive themselves or other teens, with parental permission, to the first location only and return to their homes from the final location. However, teens may not drive other teens between venues during the teen event / once the teen event has started. Driven teens will ride in vehicles driven by adults to travel between venues.

### Guest / Sibling Policy

*I have read and agree to abide by the Guest Policy. Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

Guests who are homeschooled TEENS may attend events where guests are invited provided they have filled out & signed the Guest Registration form and submitted it to adult leadership at the time of arrival at the event. Guests who are not homeschooled are not permitted to attend. Perpetual guests are not allowed; those wishing to attend our events beyond one visit would need to become members. If siblings qualify by age to become members, they will need to become paid, registered members to attend events. They will not be allowed to be perpetual guests of their teen member siblings. Younger siblings are not invited to attend teen events UNLESS the event is specified as a FAMILY event. Older siblings are not invited to attend teen events UNLESS they are alumni of WHHE and the event is specified as a FAMILY or ALUM event. Guests and family members must follow the same Code of Conduct as our members.

### Electronics/ Cell Policy

*I have read and agree to abide by the Electronics Policy. Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

Electronic items, including cell phones, need to be put away during WHHE events. If teens are using them during an event, they will be asked to put them away. If they take them out again, they will be confiscated, and will only be returned to a parent at the end of an event. Cell phone use to contact a parent for pick up toward the end of the event is of course allowed.

## Consequences for Conduct Violations

*I have read and agree to abide by the Consequences outlined below should they pertain to me / my teen.*

*Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen: \_\_\_\_\_*

### Within the SAME Event:

**1<sup>st</sup> Warning:** Teen will be corrected and encouraged to exhibit proper conduct. Teen will be reminded of consequences for further violations. If violation is severe, parents will be informed, and it may merit a teen being removed from the event.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Warning:** Teen will be corrected. Parents will be informed of the situation and consequences for further violations. If violation is severe, it may result in teen being removed from the event. **Parent will need to attend with teen at the next event.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Violation:** Teen will be removed from the event. **Parents are informed and will need to attend all future events with teen in order for teen to participate.**

### Within the SAME Semester:

*If teens violate the Code of Conduct within the same semester, even if at separate events, the same consequences above apply. If violations continue even with parental presence, membership in WHHE will be terminated.*

### Inappropriate Dress Violations:

There will be a \$5.00 fine for inappropriate dress violations. The fine will need to be collected upon drop off or pick up from the same event. If the situation cannot be rectified, or the teen refuses to cooperate, the parent will be contacted to pick up the teen. The teen will not be allowed to participate; no refund will be issued.

*Parents: I understand that any late pick ups result in \$5 fine for late pick ups of teens EACH 10 minute segment I am late. \_\_\_\_\_*

**Teen Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_