

2023 REFUGE MISSION TRIP COVENANT

You're about to go on an adventure! But before you do, there are a few things we want everybody to agree on so our trip will be the best it can be. We've thought carefully about what's essential to be present with God, with one another, and with those we serve. These expectations will help make this experience meaningful, fun and safe for everyone and help us create the best possible environment for God to work in our lives.

Please read this covenant carefully, so you understand the policies. By signing at the bottom, you agree to respect the community we serve, the volunteers, and the Refuge family.

- I will respect and honor others – both members of my mission team and the people we work with or help in Washington DC area.
- I will listen and obey all adults that are part of our mission team, whether they are my small group leader or room adult.
- I will not bring, purchase, or use any illegal substance (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, vapes/e-cigarettes, etc.) and understand the consequence may involve being sent home from the trip at my expense.
- I will respect myself and others by not engaging in inappropriate physical or violent behavior, whether physical, verbal, or emotional. This includes pranking and bullying of others.
- I will monitor my cell phone use, so it does not interfere with what God is doing in my life and the lives of others around me. I will leave gaming systems and laptops at home so I can focus on the people and the purpose of the trip.
- I will wear respectful clothing for me, others, and the community we serve.
- I will be flexible and understand that our schedule and plans will change.
- I will choose to believe the best about others rather than make assumptions or judgments.
- I will resolve disagreements healthily. This means we will talk with the person(s) directly rather than others. I will use respectful language. I will ask an adult to help if needed but will not gossip with other youth.
- I will participate in all activities and discussions and will pull my weight in my work team.
- I will come prepared for a fantastic week of service and be open to God using me to share God's love with all, including my team members.

I, _____ (Print Name), commit to this covenant for the Refuge Youth Mission Trip to Washington DC area, from July 9-16, 2023.

Youth Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date