

# 2023-24 YOUTH COVENANT

Part of the Refuge Youth experience is taking trips together. As these opportunities arise, there are a few things we want everybody to agree on so our trips can be the best they 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 and expectations. By signing at the bottom, you agree to respect the Refuge family and those we serve and work with.**

- I will respect and honor others – both members of our youth group and the people we work with.
- I will listen and obey all adults that are part of our group, whether they are my small group leader or another adult.
- I will not bring, purchase, or use any illegal substance (drugs, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, vapes/e-cigarettes, etc.) or weapons (of any kind) 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 event/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 event/trip and be open to God using me to share God's love with all..

I, Jocelyn Ford (Print Name), commit to this covenant for the Refuge Youth Group for all youth events in 2023-24.

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Youth Signature



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Parent Signature

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Date

11/10/2023

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Date