

Christian Homeschool Teen Club Guidelines

We are a Conservative Christian Teen social club. We align with Biblical, Protestant, Born Again Christian Values. This group was created to encourage Godly friendships and foster growth within a community of Christ loving families. We will strive to be Student directed and Parent facilitated as much as possible. We will meet primarily in St. Augustine.

These Guiding Principles listed below do not in any way suggest that individually or collectively we are perfect. However, we do believe that to insure harmony within the group that we have some basic common values.

Purpose

- Fellowship with like minded Christian Peers
- Enjoy fun group activities
- Experience a few quintessential highschool milestones. Some Ideas: Graduation, ball/prom type event, Senior Trip (junior/senior trip), Yearbook, Volunteering, College Tours etc.
- Create lasting memories

We Believe

- the Bible is the only inspired, inerrant Word of God
- there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- man was created in God's image but chose to sin and therefore is lost and falls short of God's standards
- at the cross Jesus died for the world's sins making salvation freely available to all And whoever chooses to believe and trust in Him will have everlasting life
- Jesus is the only mediator between man and God
- God created male and female and all living things and is in no way a product of evolution. And that an individual's gender corresponds to his or her God given biological gender
- God established marriage between one man and one woman
- all human life is sacred from conception to its natural end

Student Expectations

- Show courtesy, thoughtfulness, and respect to all leaders, parents, other students, public places and to the venues when together as a group.
- Do not speak ill of or put down other members and families.
- Use God's name for prayer or praise. No foul, abusive, or coarse language.
- Keep clothing and behavior modest. See full dress code.
- Be striving to develop biblical character.

How to Participate

- Have at least one homeschooled student at least 13 and in 9th grade or higher. (8th grader membership may be limited and determined by amount of highschool membership)
- Fill out online Teen Club Request to Join.
- Student and Parents agree to and sign the Statement of Faith, guidelines and other expectations.
- Be willing to help your student host or plan a group meet up
- We strive to seek God's wisdom and guidance in every area. Should the Lord bless the group with growth, all glory goes to God. Admittance of new families is at the discretion of the deciding members, which takes into account a variety of factors.

Unless otherwise specifically noted the teen club activities are generally for teen members and teen guests only. As long as we have 1 or 2 adult volunteers teens can participate without parents.

Sick Policy

***Please do NOT come to co-op if Anyone in your family has had the stomach bug in the last 72 hours. Everyone in household needs to be symptom free for 72 hours.**

***Please do not come to group events if anyone in your household has had a fever for any reason or yellow/green mucus, severe coughing, sore throat, pink eye or any other contagious conditions in the last 24 hours. Everyone in household must be symptom free.**

Dress Code for adult and youth members

As in any group of people we will have different views on acceptable attire. In an effort to minimize offenses and temptations it seems wisest to let the Lord's love restrain us in our selection of clothing and conduct. We should strive to be a Christian example to the community and a positive influence on other Christians. This dress code is not exhaustive nor is it meant to impede personal expression. As in anything a reasonable amount of grace will be extended in certain situations. Kids grow and change and we understand that. Consistent non compliance will be dealt with as necessary. The following is a minimum dress code applies to all members, guests and families at any group gathering. (I came up with this list with my teenage son in mind)

- Shorts (no cheeks!) at least a 3 inch inseam. And skirts and dresses should be no more than a couple of inches above the knee or longer.
- No see through or excessively tight clothing
- Shirts - no low-cut shirts or dresses showing cleavage.
- No bare midriffs. Make sure when you raise your arms your midriff doesn't show.
- Leggings should be covered over the rear end area by a shirt, shorts or skirt
- Any water events/gatherings that will require bathing suits.
Girls - full piece bathing suit with shorts. Swim suit should cover chest area or wear a swim shirt to cover top.
- Women: use every effort to make sure we as mothers are setting a good example of modesty while at Group Events by following the above guidelines as much as possible.

Social Interaction

- For the protection of our families, our Christian fellowship, and our testimony within the community and each other, it is vital that we exercise ourselves with godliness at all times and adhere to moral purity and expect the same of our children. Therefore, we ask that at all Teen group events, the behavior between students of the opposite gender be non physical and non suggestive in any way. And we encourage parents to continue this principle in their homes. Students of opposite gender will not be permitted to be alone without a group or adult. We will give every effort to keep interactions wholesome and God honoring. We also understand that it is possible that relationships formed in a social and academic nature may lead to the husband or wife the Lord has planned for them. We hope that they enter into the next phase of life after highschool, whatever it be, with the assurance that they are prepared; heart, mind, body and soul for what wonderful things God has planned for them.