

Bishop Claggett Center Community Living Covenant

Claggett youth programs are a place where participants and staff can live out their faith in ways that are fun and exciting. The formation of an intentional Christian community gives everyone an opportunity to come away from the world to experience God's love in a more intense way. Participation in this type of community is a privilege requiring some sacrifice as we strive to have our actions reflect the model set forth by Jesus.

Bishop Claggett Center camps and youth activities are subject to the Code of Maryland Regulations governing youth camps. As we work with the State on compliance, more written policies have been developed and enforced. As we work to build community and comply with new policies and procedures, each participant is asked to pledge his or her commitment to live by certain community standards.

Cooperation and respect are the starting points for behavior that builds community.

I will demonstrate **respect for myself** by:

- ◆ *Refraining from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- ◆ Abiding by all safety procedures.
- ◆ Having a willing attitude toward participating in camp activities.

I will demonstrate **respect for others** by:

- ◆ Building others up with positive comments and encouragement.
- ◆ Focusing on people rather than things. I therefore agree to leave items such as electronic games, CD players, boom boxes, and cell phones at home.
- ◆ *Leaving weapons at home (including pocket, pen, and hunting knives).
- ◆ Abstaining from sexual contact with others.
- ◆ Working to ensure the safety and health of others.
- ◆ By abiding by the rules and times set for lights out and quiet times.

I demonstrate **respect for authority and Claggett property** by:

- ◆ Cooperating with the staff.
- ◆ Agreeing that the Youth Program Director, the Executive Director of Claggett, or their designee may search my belongings at any time.
- ◆ Abiding by the rules for use of buildings and equipment.

I understand that the Youth Program Director has the right to send me home at the expense of my parent or guardian if my conduct is disruptive and harmful to the community. Violation of any item marked with an asterisk will mean immediate dismissal from camp.

This covenant must be signed by the participant and parent or guardian. Parent or guardian, please be certain that you have reviewed the agreement with your youth. It will also be reviewed at registration and an additional signature will be required. Your signature indicates a willingness to abide by the standards listed in this pledge and in the general policies.

Print Participant Name	
Participant Signature	
Parent/Guardian Signature	
Review at registration, sign and date	

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