

# St. Stephen's EYC – Youth Group Covenant

(for all group meetings and trips during the 2015-2016 school year and summer of 2016.)

Along with all of the adult advisors and other youth, I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to conduct myself in a Christian manner. I promise to respect God, respect myself, respect other people, respect property, and respect God's creation. Therefore, as a willing participant of the St. Stephen's EYC, I promise to abide by the following expectations:

1. I will actively participate in all activities and events as I am able for the duration of each activity or trip that I attend. I will welcome every individual as a member of our community, whether they are from our church, are a guest, or are the member of another church.
2. At all times, I will behave in a responsible Christian manner, respecting other people and the authority of the Youth Minister and other adult mentors, remembering that I am a representative of my family and of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. I will also respect and abide by the decisions and plans made by the Youth Minister and adult mentors.
3. I will operate by the buddy system, always keeping at least one other youth of the same sex with me at all times.
4. I will remember that as a member of St. Stephen's EYC, all of my actions will reflect upon my church family. I will not use or possess alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, firearms, or illegal drugs while participating in Youth Group. I will also refrain from any inappropriate sexual behavior.
5. I understand that if I behave in any way the Youth Pastor and/or adult advisors determine irresponsible or disrespectful or violate any section of this covenant, my actions or inactions could result in disciplinary measures including the immediate end of my involvement in any trips and youth programming. All expenses incurred as a result of disciplinary actions, including special travel arrangements, will be the responsibility of my family.

I have read and accept the St. Stephen's EYC-Youth Group Covenant. I will willingly abide by the rules as stated above in all areas of church life at St. Stephen's.

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Youth Signature

Date

I have read this covenant over with my youth, and we both understand & agree to it.

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Parent Signature

Date