

Youth Retreat Rules

The Retreat Director, while under the authority of the eldership of the Anchorage Church of Christ, is, during Youth Retreat, the final authority on all matters pertaining to policy and rules. He will be responsible for determining whether a camper will be returned home due to illness, safety infractions, or failure to obey rules.

- * At a minimum, parents and/or guardians and the elders of the Anchorage Church of Christ will be notified if any camper breaks the law, and the camper will immediately be sent home.
- * Chaperones shall be at least 21 years old.
- * Campers must submit a registration form signed by parent or legal guardian, and camper. No camper will be allowed to proceed to camp without this form completed and signed.
- * Individuals with special needs may attend camp if the camp staff is able to attend to those needs within their normal camp duties. The determination of whether or not the camp staff is capable of meeting those needs is the responsibility of the Youth Retreat Director.
- * Cabin campfires must be supervised at all times and extinguished properly before abandoning them.
- * Hiking on roads or trails will be done as a group of three or more with an adult present.
- * Every individual will wear a life jacket while participating in any boating activity. Swimming, boating, or any other water activity is allowed only during supervised periods.
- * Dress shall be modest at all times, with no inappropriate words or images.
- * Campers must remain with a supervised group at all times.

Off Limits for Campers

- * Any area of the lake from which the "Main Dock" cannot be seen.
- * The shores of property the camp does not own except with express permission of the property owner obtained by the director.
- * Public land with the exception of supervised hikes, and canoe trips.

Not Allowed

- * Guns, fireworks, knives, tobacco products, alcohol, illegal drugs
- * Electronic devices: You may bring your cell phone. However, It is only to be used for your Bible and to take photos. Anyone caught using them for any other reason will have their phone taken away for the duration of the retreat. You may also bring stand-alone cameras. All other electronic devices are prohibited.
- * Littering of the campgrounds
- * Food and drinks in the cabins
- * Any display of affection beyond holding hands and side hugs
- * Coming to camp without prior approval from the Youth Retreat Director, including parents or other visitors.

Dress Code

We are trying to create an environment free of distractions so that we can concentrate on GOD. Dress should be representative of who we are as Christians.

- Sleeves, please! NO Spaghetti strap tops, halter-tops, tube tops, tank tops, etc.
- Necklines should be modest. NO low cut tops (avoid visual cleavage)
- NO sagging! (Nobody wants to see your underwear)
- NO shorts, skirts, or cut-offs can be above the knee. (They must be to the knee).
- Don't advertise for the wrong guys! NO clothing promoting tobacco, alcohol, cigarettes, sex, questionable sayings, slogans, etc.
- Yikes! NO bare midriffs- shirts should be long enough that no skin is visible.
- NO tight clothing! Garment should not be so tight as to reveal the outline of under garments or body parts.
- Dress shall be modest at all times. If a chaperone deems clothing inappropriate, you must change. If you do not have a change of clothes, one will be provided for you.

... "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,

but set an example of the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity"...1 Timothy 4:12

MSBC Policy

In order to carry out our purposes and goals, a Christian environment must be maintained throughout the camp program. This means that everyone must abide by the general policies of the camp and obey the rules which have been established in order that everyone might have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Everyone is expected to maintain a positive Christian attitude. This means that the individual must conduct himself or herself in keeping with Christian principles. Christian courtesy, modest dress, refraining from unsafe or unhealthy activities, and a Christ-like demeanor are expected at all times. This action will provide the positive example we wish to foster in order to achieve our stated purpose.

Photos and Videos

We assume that most families enjoy seeing pictures of their children and other campers enjoying themselves at MSBC. Photos are regularly taken by staff and campers. MSBC organizers are not able to control the distribution of photos or videos taken at MSBC, including potential postings to Social Media sites. See below for MSBC Photo and Video policies.

MSBC reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken during a MSBC event, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. MSBC may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by MSBC including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.

To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian.

A person attending an MSBC event who does not wish to have their image recorded for distribution should make their wishes known to the photographer, and/or the event organizers, and/or contact MSBC at Anchorage Church of Christ, 2700 DeBarr Road Anchorage, AK 99508, in writing of his/her intentions and include a photograph. MSBC will use the photo for identification purposes and will hold it in confidence to the best of it's ability.

By participating in an MSBC event or by failing to notify MSBC, in writing, of your desire to not have your photograph used by MSBC, you are agreeing to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify MSBC from any and all claims involving the use of your picture or likeness.

Any person or organization not affiliated with MSBC may not use, copy, alter or modify MSBC photographs, graphics, videography or other, similar reproductions or recordings without the advance written permission of an authorized designee from MSBC.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!