

ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA
CODE OF CONDUCT - EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOUR
SONFEST 2009

1. Horse play is not allowed at any time - NO shaving cream, water balloons, water guns, etc - will be tolerated on the property of Emerald Coast Conference Center or Ramada Inn.
2. Obey all flags and warnings on the beach; obey instructions of lifeguards at all times. Swimming in the gulf will only be permitted in front of the Ramada Inn.
3. No running around the pool area - no pushing, shoving, throwing people into the pool, or "chicken fights" allowed at any time in / around the pool. Repeated offenders will be subject to removal from the premises and event at their own expense.
4. Quiet time is at 11:00 p.m. When returning to hotels at night youth must respect other guest who are sleeping and go straight to their rooms. All youth must be in their rooms unless accompanied by one of their chaperones. "Lights out" is no later than 12:30 a.m., and must be adhered to. Youth will be responsible for any charges imposed by the hotel as a result of noise or disruptive behavior.
5. Males and females are to remain in separate sleeping quarters at all times. Under no circumstances are members of the opposite sex permitted in the opposite members hotel room.
6. No tobacco products are allowed. Underage smoking by anyone, at any time, will not be tolerated. Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted, and are grounds for immediate dismissal.
7. For safety reasons, no outside visitors should be invited to the Ramada Inn or Emerald Coast Conference Center without prior permission of the Youth Ministry Office. Use of facilities is limited to registered retreat participants and guest of the hotel only. All participants (youth and adults) will be issued wrist bands that must be worn on wrist at all times.
8. No inappropriate clothing / T-shirts, or swimsuits. (Please remember this is a church retreat and dress should reflect the dignity of the human person in line with Catholic teaching. Chaperones from each group will be responsible to make sure that youth are dressed (whether in clothes or swimwear appropriately.) Youth should wear a bathing suit cover-up or t-shirts when going from room to pool or beach. Appropriate clothing should be worn to all sessions. (i.e. no bathing suits / pajamas, etc.)
9. No profanity / swearing or any behaviors contrary to Christian principles will be tolerated. No "public displays of affection" between participants is allowed. Inappropriate physical and/or sexual behavior will not be tolerated, and is grounds for dismissal from the facility and event.
10. No fireworks, smoke bombs, or fires of any sort are permitted on the premises or beach.
11. Cell phones, i-pods and all electronic communication devises should not be used or out during session or meal times. Cell phones should not be used after lights out.
12. Hotel Rooms and bathrooms should be kept neat and clean. Trash should be placed in the trashcans - please use them! Any damage caused to a hotel room will be the responsibility of the Church and the individuals assigned to that room.
13. Groups must arrive promptly for all meal times and appropriate attire must be worn (ie: shirts

14. Participants under 21 years of age, whether alone or in a group, must be in the company of an adult chaperone at all times when away from Emerald Coast Conference Center. Youth will not be permitted to cross over the street between the hotel and Emerald Coast Conference Center or go onto the boardwalk without adult chaperones.
15. Food and drinks are not permitted in the Meeting Rooms. (An exception to this rule is a water- bottle, which must be taken out with you at the end of the session)
16. As a safety precaution, youth must drink plenty of water. The sun and salt water put youth at risk of dehydration and therefore consumption of water is extremely important. (Note: soda and carbonated beverages do not hydrate.)
17. Each parish chaperone is responsible for their own youth; therefore an adult from your parish should know your whereabouts at all times. No youth will be permitted to stay at the hotel during session or meal times. A temporary infirmary will be set up at the Emerald Coast Conference Center during sessions. (Parish adults are responsible for the care of their youth while in the temporary infirmary.)
18. No youth will be allowed to order room service or any hotel incidentals. Any extra charges that are places on that room will be the responsibility of that room at the time of service. (Safe rental, pizza, etc.)
19. There is a \$10.00 fee for any / all lost keys. Lost key fees will be charged to the Church that is responsible, and must be paid in cash when rooms are checked out on the last day at the Emerald Coast Conference Center.
20. No youth is permitted to alter their body in any way while on this retreat. (hair cut, coloring, body tattooing, piercing etc.)
21. All participants must follow the directions of the Archdiocesan Sonfest Team and therefore, any behavior by youth or adult that in the judgement of the Retreat Directors puts the retreat or participant in physical, social or emotional danger is grounds to remove that person from the retreat.
22. All adults over 21 years of age are considered chaperones. Teens are expected to respect their authority even if from a different parish.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THESE EXPECTATIONS.
THEY ARE LISTED IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER - ALL OF THEM ARE IMPORTANT! FAILURE TO
COMPLY WILL RESULT IN SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE BEING SENT HOME
AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE OR THAT OF YOUR PARENTS.

Signature of Youth

Date

Signature of Parent of Guardian

Date

Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta
PARENTAL CONSENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

**Sonfest Beach Retreat
June 7-11, 2009**

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ do hereby give my/our permission and approval for my/our son/daughter/guardianship to participate in the Sonfest Beach Retreat on (June 7-11, 2009), with the _____ Youth Group. I/ We do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless any and all adults who chaperone this event, other participants, _____ PARISH, the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta, Sonfest Beach Retreat, and any of the above named parties' representatives, successors, supervisors, sponsors, and/or organizers, for any injuries in connection with the outing / event(s) named above provided that said injuries are not the result of negligence. I/We hereby grant permission for publication of group (two or more persons) photos taken at youth events.

I/We also give permission to seek any emergency care should my child be involved in any accident or be injured in any way during such events named above. I/We understand that in any such instance, all attempts will be made to contact the parent/guardian. In the event that I/we cannot be contacted, I/we hereby give permission to the attending physician to hospitalize, secure treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for my child, as named herein.

I also agree that I am legally responsible for all/any personal actions taken by my child/guardianship during this event, and agree to be financially responsible for any/all damages, legal fees, and other costs incurred as a result of the actions/behavior of my child/guardianship.

Furthermore, I/we agree that if the above named student's behavior is inappropriate, unsafe and/or detrimental to the group, I will be contacted immediately to secure means of removing my child/guardianship from the event premises. I understand that any financial costs incurred as a result of my child/guardianship being sent home are my responsibility.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Name of Parish: _____ Name of Youth Minister: _____

In signing this form, I certify that all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing the above line, I agree to abide by any / all policies and rules established for this event / activity. Should I not be able to maintain the guidelines and expectations of the adults and my peers, I understand that there will be consequences for my actions, including being removed from the activity and being sent home at my parent's expense.

Basic rules / expectations include, but are not limited to, the following: Respect for all adult leaders, peers, and all property; NO illegal drugs, alcohol, underage smoking, firearms, explosives, or other illegal substances; Males and females are to remain in separate sleeping spaces at all times; No inappropriate physical / sexual activity; Appropriate attire is to be worn at all times. Other guidelines may be set forth accordingly by adult chaperones present for the event(s).

****Please photocopy insurance card that is to be used and attach it to this form****

Requested information on both sides of this form MUST be filled in completely in order for the student to participate in this event.

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Home phone #: _____

Participant's Social Security Number: _____ (Required for treatment in most Hospitals.)

Father/Guardian's full name: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Home address: _____

Place of business/address: _____

Phone #: _____

Mother/Guardian's full name: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Home address: _____

Place of business/address: _____

Phone #: _____

Relative or friend to contact if unable to reach parent/guardian in the event of emergency:

Name & Relationship: _____

Phone #: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Insurance Policy Number: _____

Insurance is provided by which parent and/or place of employment? _____

Address and Phone Number of Company: _____

Special considerations to be aware of (ie: allergies, medical conditions, etc...) _____

Medication (and dosage) my son/daughter is currently taking: _____

(EITHER A PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION OR PARENT NOTE MUST ACCOMPANY ALL MEDICATIONS. PRESCRIPTION / NOTE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.)

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