

[NAME – LOGO]

- **Omnibus Permission/Health Form & Behavioral Contract**
- **Mission Trip Registration & Payment Form**
- **Mission Application and Attendance Policy Form**
- **Mission Trip Personal Sponsors Form**

Is everything carefully read & signed? Is payment included? Return to the church by [Date]!

YOUTH GROUP BEHAVIORAL COVENANT

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

Parent/Legal Guardian and Youth Group Member – Please read this covenant and sign. Youth **cannot** participate in the Youth Group Retreat/Mission Trip unless they have signed this Behavioral Covenant and returned it to the Youth Group Leader.

Our youth group mission includes a commitment to nurture and sustain a community of love, covenant, and participation. We seek to be a community in which all of our youth are unconditionally loved and accepted as they are, share covenantal commitments to clear and understandable values and boundaries, and participate in something larger than themselves: the great adventure of loving and serving in God’s name. If we are to fulfill this mission, each of us must commit ourselves to a covenant of mutual care, love and respect. This Youth Group Behavioral Covenant sets forth our commitment.

Youth Group Members agree and covenant to adhere to all policies of the group in all activities, including but not limited to all youth group or youth group team meetings, programs, gatherings, retreats, activities and mission trips. This Behavioral Covenant includes, but is not limited to the following covenantal agreements:

Members agree and covenant not to possess or use tobacco products of any kind.

Members agree and covenant not to possess or use alcohol or other drugs of any kind not prescribed for that youth group member by a physician.

Members agree and covenant not to engage in any behavior that the group or Retreat/Mission Trip location staff deem a threat to a youth group member’s personal safety or to the safety of any other youth group member, youth group or trip location staff member, or other citizen or guest of the Retreat/Mission Trip location.

Members agree and covenant not to misappropriate, steal or damage any property belonging to a fellow youth group Member, a youth staff/volunteer member, or any organization or facility that partners with or welcomes the youth group to their facility or program.

Members agree and covenant not to engage in sexual activity or inappropriate sexual behavior during the trip or during any related event or activity.

I understand that the Youth Group maintains a Zero Tolerance standard for violations of the Behavioral Covenant. Should my child violate any of the rules listed under the **Youth Group Behavioral Covenant**, I expect to be asked to immediately travel to the location of the mission trip to withdraw my child from the group and to accompany my child home. If requested, I will willingly comply with such request. I understand that any and all inconveniences, hardships, and expenses incurred as a result of such action requested by the group leaders are to be born directly and entirely by me. Neither the Youth Group, nor [Church Name] nor the trip location will bear any responsibility for any expenses.

My child and I have read and reviewed the **Youth Group Behavioral Covenant**. My child and I acknowledge our understanding of the Covenant and pledge to adhere to it.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

YG Group Member Name (Please Print) YG Group Member Signature Date

Retreat/Trip Registration Form

To ensure smooth and efficient planning, we ask all parents and youth to review, initial and sign the Retreat/Trip Registration form to confirm your commitment to the trips. Please note, your child will not be considered confirmed for the XX Trip until all forms are complete and payment method is finalized.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THESE INITIALED TRIPS.

_____ [Trip Name, Date]

Initials

_____ [Trip Name, Date]

Initials

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

YG Group Member Name (Please Print) YG Group Member Signature Date

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Trip Payment Form

In order to budget and plan for our trips, we need to finalize financial details. Please indicate below the payment details for your child's involvement in youth group trips this year. We acknowledge and understand that every family has a different set of financial circumstances. As always, we do not want circumstances to hinder any child's involvement in our trips; scholarships are available and confidential. Please contact [Contact, Phone] for details before returning these forms. Please note, your child will *not* be considered confirmed for the XX Trip until all forms are complete and payment method is finalized.

Please check

XX Trip - \$ (Date)

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Operating Contribution - \$xx (or more) For parents who are not pledging members of the [Church name], an operating contribution of \$xx helps defray youth group expenses. If you are willing and able to give more, we are grateful for your contribution to our youth program.

Total amount enclosed: _____

Paid in Full: _____

Payment Plan (please indicate a rough schedule
example: monthly installments of \$xx)

Scholarship I have spoken with xx about a scholarship for my child.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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MISSION FISH APPLICATION *Return by: [Date]*

NAME: _____

Yes! I would like to participate in the [Trip Name and Date]. I have carefully read the Youth Group Mission Statement, the Youth Group Mission Trip Goals, and the Trip Attendance Policy on the reverse side. Count me in! I agree to work with the group to pursue these goals as best I can, to regularly attend the weekly youth group events and to attend all of the scheduled teambuilding, fund-raising, and mission trip preparation events listed below.

Set forth below are the covenant events all Mission Fish are expected to attend to be eligible for the Mission Trip. Please confirm you have checked your calendar and will be at all of these events and have read and understand the youth group Mission Trip Policy by **initialing each line**. If you have a conflict, please do not submit this form, but instead contact [Name] by [Date] to set up an appointment to discuss your mission trip application.

List Covenant Events, examples are below:

Youth Worship Sunday, October 14, 2012 (7:00-8:30pm)

Teambuilding Day Sunday, December 2, 2012 (2:00-5:00pm)

Youth Worship and Vespers Sunday, January 13, 2013 (7:00-8:30pm)

Mission Fish Commissioning Service Sunday, February 10, 2013 (9:00-11:30am)

Mission Trip Send-off Dinner Thursday, February 14, 2013 (6:00pm)

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 3, 2013 (8:00am-12:30pm)

Youth Sunday & Mission Sponsor Brunch Sunday, March 10, 2013 (9:00am-12:30pm)

YG Mission Fish Signature YG Mission Fish Parent Signature

YOUTH GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission: We will foster a community in which our youth may experience and share the love of God.

Our Beliefs: 1. We believe that the way of Christ offers our youth a life that is abundant, flourishing and everlasting.

2. We believe that flourishing life is best nurtured in a community marked by love, covenant and participation.

- Love: A community in which all our youth, wherever they are on life's path, are unconditionally loved and accepted as they are.

- Covenant: A community in which our youth share covenantal commitments to clear and understandable values and boundaries.

- Participation: A community in which our youth passionately participate in something larger than themselves: the great adventure of loving and serving in God's name.

3. We believe that caring for our youth in a community of love, covenant and participation will equip them for a lifetime journey following the way of Christ and characterized by faith, hope and love.

RETREAT/MISSION TRIP GOALS

A. To come to know God through experiences of love, covenant and participation. B. To participate in the transformative power of personal ministry and service. C. To encounter the very different and difficult burdens of people struggling with poverty. D. To experience the joys and difficulties of living and working as a group for an extended period and the closeness and friendships that result in a large group and teams.

RETREAT/MISSION TRIPS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Members who would like to participate in the annual Retreat/Mission Trip are expected to attend the xx Covenant Events on the youth group calendar. While all xx Covenant Events are required, each Mission Fish is permitted one absence, provided that it is communicated in advance and made up through an activity of acceptable scope and time.

More than one absence from Covenant Events (including absences due to illness of other unforeseen events) may render the Mission Fish ineligible for the next scheduled trip. The purpose of this policy is not simply to mandate attendance; rather it is to help build a sense of community among Mission Fish, which is critical to the success of the Mission Trip. The Mission Trip attendance policy does not permit late arrivals or early departures to the mission destination. In a rare case, an exception may be made in the event of unforeseen injury or illness.

Mission Trip Personal Sponsors

The below signed parents/families/individuals/organizations have agreed to take sponsorship positions in my personal Mission Trip experience. As part of their support, each sponsor will receive a “share of stock” in my Mission Trip and a “valued dividend” during the trip consisting of:

- A personal letter from me, from the Mission Trip, informing the shareholder of the status of their sponsorship and the personal growth it has made possible
- Attendance at the Mission Sponsor Bruch for a presentation from the Mission Fish on the trip and the wonderful returns from their support

Sponsor Name Phone # Address Amount