

Halifax Youth Center Code of Conduct

The Youth Center is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and encouraging environment for all Youth. Our guidelines focus on encouraging Respect, Integrity, and Accountability.

While attending the Youth Center, Youth are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

- Sign-in/Sign-out daily. A Registration Waiver is required for Youth Center use.
- Show Respect to staff and Follow Directions that are given.
- Find Non-violent Solutions to disagreements. Staff members are here to help.
- No Violent Contact permitted (no hitting, kicking, fighting, butt-slapping, etc.)
- Use Appropriate Romantic Contact (holding hands permitted)
- Use Appropriate Language, No Swearing.
- Respect the Building and Equipment by taking care of electronics, throwing away trash, not abusing furniture, etc.
- Show Honesty: No Stealing, Do not use items that belongs to other Youth without permission (cell phones, etc.).
- No alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons of any kind permitted on Youth Center Property.
- The Youth Center building and grounds are intended for students in 6th -12th grades during open hours.

Internet/Technology

- Technology, electronic devices, and internet use are privileges. The Youth Center reserves the right to limit individual use.
- Internet use is intended for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only. The Internet is not to be used for anything illegal, unauthorized, or unethical.
- Computer software should not be altered in any way. No new software should be installed.

Halifax Youth Center Covenant:

I _____ (student name)

- have read and agree to abide by the Youth Center Code of Conduct.
- will show respect for others and Youth Center property through my language, actions and deeds.
- will not bring/use drugs, alcohol or tobacco products while at the Halifax Youth Center. I will not bring weapons of any kind onto Youth Center property.
- will use the internet and electronic devices as intended. I will not use this for anything illegal, unauthorized, or unethical.

I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in temporary suspension or permanent expulsion from the Youth Center Property.

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

- I would like my Middle School Child to come directly to the Youth Center after School.
- I allow my Middle School Child to walk home or make stops (store, park, etc) after school before coming to the Youth Center.

Halifax Youth Center General Policies

- All Youth **Must Sign-in** upon arrival, and sign-out when they leave.
- **Middle School Students** may not have more than **one sign-in/out per day**. This encourages Youth to stay in supervised locations. Exceptions will be made by parent permission.
- **High School Students** are given the flexibility to have multiple sign-ins per day.
- If a Youth is **absent from school due to sickness or suspension**, they are **not permitted** at the Youth Center that day. They may return when they return to school. If **school absence is excused** for an appointment etc. the Youth **may come** to the Youth Center.
- **Only Mentors and Youth Assisting** are permitted behind the counter. Youth are encouraged to help, but they **must ask** before they may come behind the counter.
- **All food, snacks and drinks are free**, except for **soda**, which costs **50 cents**. At times, students may be able to earn a soda for doing a chore around the Youth Center.
- There will be a **sign-in provided for computer use**. Students will sign up for 30-minute intervals. They may only sign up for the current day.
- **No Video Games which include human killing will be permitted at the Youth Center**. Mentors have the right to take away a Youth's video gaming privilege if this policy is ignored.
- Youth are encouraged to use the **Quiet room** to do **homework** or for a **needed break**. Youth **must ask** before they enter this room.
- Youth are permitted to use their personal phones for interact access as well as the Youth Center computers. Mentors reserve the **right to ask students to put their phones away or confiscate devices** if Youth are accessing **inappropriate material**.
- Youth are permitted to use speakers for music at the youth center when available. They will be required to play a **pre-approved playlist** from the Youth Center account.

Parent/Mentor communication is encouraged. Please feel free to call the Halifax Youth Center during open hours at **(717)896- 8220**. You can also reach Cherry Pechart, Youth Ministry Coordinator at youth@halifaxumc.com, or at Halifax United Methodist Church at **(717)896-8092 ext. 113**.

Please see the **Halifax Youth Center Facebook page** or **Church Website**, www.halifaxumc.com for further information, the **Halifax Youth Center Waiver** and the **Code of Conduct form**.