

In order to assure the safe and successful participation of young people and adults gathering for Backyard Ministries, the following norms of behavior are to be followed. We expect you to represent your parish well during the week. We hope that you will display mature, responsible, leadership and character throughout this week-long program.

1. Individuals are responsible for their own actions and will assume the consequences for their inappropriate behavior.
2. Youth participants attending Backyard Ministries will be screened by parish leaders for their own protection as well as the protection of other participants. This screening will be used to identify areas of concern or special attention (i.e., health concerns, disabilities/impairments requiring accommodation, history of violence toward others, etc.).
3. Participants must remain onsite for the entire week. Leaving the mission for any reason is not permitted.
4. Purchase and/or use of tobacco products by minors is illegal. In observation of both the law and good health practices, smoking or chewing tobacco by participants is not allowed.
5. The possession or use of **ILLEGAL DRUGS** by any individual will not be tolerated. Infraction of this rule will mean immediate dismissal from Backyard Ministries and appropriate action will be taken.
6. The purchase, possession, or consumption of **BEER, WINE, or OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** by minors will not be tolerated. Infraction of this rule will mean immediate dismissal from Backyard Ministries.
7. For the protection and safety of all participants, acts of violence or harassment will not be tolerated. Violence and harassment include fighting, physical or verbal assault or abuse, ethnic insults, profane or obscene language, gestures, or actions.
8. Possession of any weapon is strictly prohibited. Anyone bringing a weapon to an event or gathering will be asked to surrender the weapon to leaders and appropriate action will be taken.
9. Disruptive behavior, language, clothing or items will not be acceptable at Backyard Ministries. Modest dress: no shirts that will show navel, and shorts must be as long as your reach. No spaghetti straps or sagging pants. Foot wear must be worn at all times. No bare feet!
10. Participants are expected to take direction from those adult leaders who have been placed in positions of authority by the parish.
11. All individuals are expected to treat each other, the facility and themselves with respect.
12. In the unlikely event that a behavior problem based on the above requires extreme action, it is likely to result in dismissal from the activity. Parents will be contacted and participants will be sent home.

I have read and understand the above Code Of Behavior and will adhere to the requirements dictated by the code.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Group Leader Signature _____ Date _____