

# UYC 2010

I'm glad you chose not to WASTE your summer

April 15, 2010

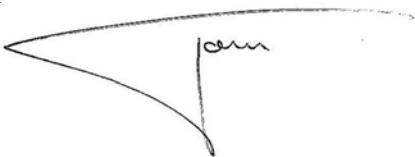
Dear Camper,

Here is is you've waited all winter and it is finally here! I have been looking forward to this since the buses arrived back at Northside last year. This year's camp is going to be the most "ultimate" week of 2010 and I suspect God will do a mighty work in each of us. I am thrilled that you have decided to join us this week, whether this is your 7th year or your first I look forward to getting to know you personally. As you prepare for this week here are a couple of things to remember...

- 1) Turn in all completed medical release forms - all medical release forms need to be notarized. If you attended WhiteOut and your information has not changed we can use your same medical release form. Turn in any medicine to the nurse when you arrive on Sunday the 6th.
- 2) **Sunday May 23rd we will have registration in the CLC** (come get all your paperwork filled out then)
- 3) Pay remaining balance by June 2<sup>nd</sup> (that is the Wednesday before Camp).
- 4) The Dress code has been updated throughout this packet. Please take note. All sleeveless shirts must have at least 4 inches in width on each shoulder. **This is not multiple sleeveless shirts to equal 4 inches!** This rule applies from the moment we leave until the moment we arrive back at the church and INCLUDES recreation. Sleeved t-shirts are the best way to avoid confusion.
- 5) Cell phones are NOT allowed. This is the one week we go without distractions. If there is an emergency, the camp has a phone as well as Tom. Cell phones found from the time we leave until the time we arrive at the church will become temporary property of NSM and will be returned once unloading has completed.
- 6) Despite popularity of IPOD and MP3 players, all electronic devices need to remain at home for the week. Music will be provided!
- 7) This will be an amazing week, I hope you have a blast, but more importantly that you grow in your relationship with the creator of the universe and His only son Jesus Christ.

If you were unable to attend registration, you will need to stop by the NSM office to complete all the required paperwork before June 2<sup>nd</sup>. I'm looking forward to the most ultimate camp yet!

In Christ Alone,



Pleasant Valley Ranch is serving only as the host facility for the **Ultimate Youth Camp 2010**. Questions related to programming or other such issues are the sole responsibility of Northside Student Ministry and should be directed to **Tom Hall** at **317-255-6692**.

# DON'T FORGET TO BRING...

1. BED LINENS (pillow, sheets, light blanket, or a sleeping bag)
2. TOWELS AND WASHCLOTHS.
3. PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, and DEODORANT is a must!!!)
4. SWIM WEAR (you will get wet, probably on more than one occasion)
5. SNEAKERS, SANDALS - It might be nice to have some cheap flip-flops to shower in.
6. CLOTHES (cool clothing) Casual shorts, T-shirts. LEAVE the SHORT SHORTS or VULGAR TIGHT STUFF at home!!! Spaghetti straps and "wife-beaters" are not allowed. We do have a selection of colored duct tape to cover underwear that is regularly seen.
7. Your 6 BEST FRIENDS
8. BIBLE, Notebook and PEN (This is a must!!!)
9. SUNSCREEN for those of you with sun-sensitive skin.
10. WATER BOTTLE!!!
11. You may bring one large suitcase, one carry-on bag and your bedroll. (A back pack is recommended as your carry on.)
12. One (or more) pair of OLD shorts and T-shirt that you don't mind ruining.
13. THEME NIGHT attire
14. DRESS CLOTHES for the banquet
15. FLASHLIGHT
16. A WHITE t-shirt for you to tie dye
17. SOFTBALL GLOVE, FRISBEE, FISHING POLE etc.
18. SPENDING MONEY for soda or other, snacks, and one meal for the bus ride (fast food)



**LEAVE AT HOME: I-Pods, MP3, cell phones, and other electronic devices.  
We like music, but the emphasis is on INDIVIDUALS. So we don't want anything  
to distract us from getting to know GREAT PEOPLE LIKE YOU!**

# GENERAL INFORMATION

1. We will depart from Northside following the morning service. You need to arrive at 9:15 am and drop off your luggage at the trailer in the parking lot. Parents are encouraged to stay for the service to see their student(s) off.



2. All camp fees and completed medical release forms must be turned in by Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will alleviate any delays in departure.

3. LEAVE: Sunday, June 6<sup>TH</sup>, 12:30 p.m.

4. RETURN: Time will be approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## *SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:*

- A. No camper may arrive late or leave early without permission from Tom Hall, the camp director. If you are in summer school or have some conflict, contact Tom at the office, 255-6692.
- B. After permission is obtained for special arrangements, the parent must put in writing exact travel plans and arrangements. This written statement is very important and is to be turned in to the camp director so that adequate provisions can be made for the student.
- C. Parents and friends are not allowed at camp during the week.
- D. No phones are available for campers to use during the week except for emergencies. Emergency status will be determined by the camp director. We thank you for your cooperation. We do encourage you, however: **PLEASE WRITE!!!** Sending a letter or care package the week before they leave is a good idea...we also will have mail bins at registration that you can send with us to distribute on particular days.



## MEDICAL



1. No student can attend camp without a medical information and release form. This must be signed by his/her legal guardian. **All medical forms must be notarized. We will have a notary present at registration on May 23rd immediately following the morning service.**
2. A registered nurse will be on duty and in residence at camp.
3. Any special medical instructions should be brought to our attention before camp.

# GUIDELINES FOR CAMPERS

- Leave at home:
1. tobacco
  2. cigarettes
  3. ice chests
  4. fireworks
  5. two piece swimsuits
  6. alcoholic beverages
  7. electronic devices (radios, video games, etc)
  8. hair dryers, curling irons, and flat irons
  9. cell phones
  10. iPods or other musical devices

## DRESS AT CAMP

Shorts, T-shirts, etc. are fine and overall camp is very casual. We ask that students dress in keeping with the spirit of the camp. Please be mindful of what your T-shirt promotes (You are what you wear!) **Spaghetti straps and "wife-beater" shirts are not allowed.** We do not want to see your boxers or thongs outside of your pants. **What students pack is also the responsibility of their parents.**

Students will need to bring one pair of clothes you don't mind throwing away.

## MONEY

Each camper will need to pay for their own lunches on our way home from camp. This stop will be fast food locations. There is also a Snack Shack at camp. Additional snacks are the responsibility of each camper.

## DISCIPLINE

It is important that all campers comply with the rules outlined. Enclosed you will find a page entitled Discipline Guidelines. All campers and parents are expected to read and accept these guidelines. The parents need to sign the agreement on the bottom of the medical release form that says they have read and agreed to the Discipline Guidelines. This is a preventative measure taken on all major events.

## CAMP RULES

1. No guys in girls' cabins or vice-versa.
2. Shirts must be worn at all times.
3. Students are where they are scheduled to be.
4. Students will not bring any items listed previously as undesirable for camp.
5. Students will comply with all water and safety guidelines given by the adult staff.
6. Because of the distraction-free atmosphere we are trying to create, NO CELL PHONES or iPods.

# Northside Baptist Church Student Ministry Discipline Guidelines

## **Adopted by youth, parents and leaders 9/95, edited 4/2010**

The student ministry of Northside Baptist Church is well known for its positive attitude and demeanor toward teenagers. All the adults invited to serve as leaders tend to affirm and encourage rather than criticize and condemn. Leaders believe an atmosphere of Christ-like, unconditional love and affirmation provides more motivation to grow and change than an atmosphere of bombastic criticism.

Even so, leaders recognize that for any group to function, healthy parameters are important. Teenagers who grew up in the church need structure and guidance. And, for the increasing number of teenagers with no upbringing in the faith, this is doubly true. Many teenagers in the community struggle with serious issues these days. When they become involved at church, they bring those problems with them. Because ministers, parents, and leaders are all partners in the rearing of teenagers, it is important for all three groups to approach discipline and guidance at church from the same perspective. The following guidelines have been developed by those same three groups as a guide to those who touch the lives of teenagers.

## **Worship and Classroom Behavior**

Times of teaching and worship are primary in church life. Teenagers and other members who come to church in order to learn and grow deserve to study and worship in an atmosphere where that is possible without hindrance. Leaders have a responsibility to maintain that atmosphere.

Teenagers who make study or worship impossible for those around them need to be moved to an alternative study location. Generally, this will mean spending the remainder of the time with the student minister or student ministry intern. Before dismissing a student from a class or service, leaders have a responsibility to tell a student that his behavior warrants dismissal. Students who choose to continue disrupting then should be dismissed. In most cases, leaders should inform parents when a dismissal has taken place. This is especially true for junior high students. In most cases, a youth who has been dismissed from a group should be welcome at the next meeting.

At the same time, leaders need to try and discover what is motivating a student to misbehave. The youth ministry family should seek to meet those needs if possible.

## **Respect Toward Leaders**

Students who choose to participate at NBC student activities agree to follow the instructions of leaders. Obeying those instructions and exhibiting respect toward leaders is a condition for remaining at an activity.

## **Trip Policies**

The church assumes heavy responsibility when taking teenagers out of town. For the youth group to function well out of the city, obeying and respecting sponsors is essential. A serious breakdown in these areas must result in the teenager returning home to parents. Whenever possible, a leader will provide transportation home for the teenager. If that is not logistically possible, then the parents of the teenager pay for commercial transportation home. Parents agree to support sponsors' decisions about sending a student home, knowing that only those present on the trip can know all the variables involved.

On all trips, being sent home will be the normal result of breaking curfew, body piercing or permanent tattooing, possessing alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, leaving the group, sexual behavior, stealing, assault, or the possession of pornography, indecent exposure or a dangerous weapon. Any other serious failure to follow trip guidelines will result in a trip home.

## **Weapons**

The physical safety of the youth group is one of our church's top priorities. Therefore, no teenager may possess a gun, knife over 3.5 inches closed, open knife, martial arts item, or any other weapon at any youth group activity at the church or away. The presence of a dangerous weapon will result in an immediate call to 911 and full cooperation with the authorities who respond. In the meantime, the sponsor in charge will coordinate a plan with other leaders to best protect the safety of the students present. Actual confrontation with a teenager with a gun will be left to the proper authorities. If practical, parents of the involved student will be contacted.

## **In-Town Policies**

Assault, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons as described above, pornography and tobacco products are not permitted at youth group activities. The breaking of this policy, including any other serious failure to follow youth group guidelines, will result in the teenager not being permitted to participate in the next major youth trip.

## **Physical Discipline**

Parents have not assigned to church leaders the right to physically discipline teenagers. Therefore, leaders only make physical contact with a teenager in order to prevent a greater harm, such as during a fight or an attempt to harm one's self. With rare exceptions, no other physical restraint is appropriate.

## **Physical Affection**

Interest in showing physical affection toward the opposite sex is considered a normal and healthy part of maturing teenage relationships. Our student ministry also believes that appropriateness should dictate the extent of affection shown at youth group activities. Holding hands and light hugs are almost always appropriate. If a student needs to ask if a certain act is appropriate then chances are that it is not. It is our prayer that students would behave in a manner glorifying God at all times. "Making out" or intimate touching in trip vehicles and on church outings is not appropriate and receives the same response as any other broken guideline.

## **Location of Youth**

Church leaders can only be responsible for teenagers who are actually in an area designated for a student activity. Parents have no way of knowing whether teenagers are where they should be and, consequently, whether leader supervision is being provided. Therefore, it is the policy of our student ministry that all teenagers on church property must be in the actual area where the announced activity is taking place. The only options open to teenagers are to be in the designated class or activity area or to leave the church property.

Church leaders only provide supervision for 15 minutes after the end of a student activity at church. Parents providing transportation home are responsible for knowing the ending time of the activity and arriving within that 15 minutes. With rare exceptions, parents should arrive by 8:15 PM on Wednesday and 9:15 PM on Thursdays. Students wanting to remain on church property after 8:15 PM on Wednesdays and 9:15 PM on Thursdays must have the student minister's permission.

## **In-Town Transportation**

The church provides adult-driven vehicles for every activity away from the church. For all trips further than approximately 10 miles adult-driven transportation is the only option for you. Licensed drivers may take their cars on activities closer to home. Church leaders always announce when it is possible for students to drive. Parents have the responsibility to clarify with their teenager whether teenage-driven vehicles are an option.

Church leaders cannot be responsible for the safety of student-driven cars and cannot guarantee the quality of driving. Also, church leaders cannot be responsible for students who leave activities in student-driven cars. The timely return of students to church can only be guaranteed to students in church-provided transportation.

Church-provided cars and vans must have a seat belt available for every passenger. Parents are responsible for clarifying whether seat belts must be worn.

## **Vandalism**

The church requests that parents insure that their teenager pays for any vandalism or willful damage to property.

These policies are provided as a proactive way to insure clear communication among members of the student ministry family. For many years Northside Baptist Church has provided a positive, loving and affirming atmosphere for teenagers. Thankfully, teenagers and leaders enjoy a mutual respect that results in very few discipline issues.

# **PARENT INFO**

In case of emergencies **ONLY**, please call the camp at

**(419) 938-3441**

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**Please write to your campers at:**

**Camper's Name  
Pleasant Valley Ranch  
c/o Tom Hall  
4023 SR 603**

**Perrysville, OH 44864**

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**We will arrive back from camp at:**

**3:30 p.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup>  
at Northside Baptist Church**

Medical Release and Information Form

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO THE *NORTHSIDE STUDENT MINISTRY* OFFICE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING COMPLETELY:**

1. Allergies: (Food, Drugs, Insects, or Natural Elements) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Are you taking any type of medication? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have any chronic disease or illness (i.e., Blackouts, Fainting, Epilepsy, Etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What date was your last tetanus vaccination? \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Please check if using group insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive dates for this trip: June 6-12, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Having been made aware of the activities the registrant will be doing, I hereby consent to the registrant's participation in the Ultimate Youth Camp. I indemnify, defend and hold harmless Northside Baptist Church from all claims made and liabilities assessed against them as a result of the registrant's activities. Further, in case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact persons or guardians of minor registrants. However, if parents or guardians cannot be reached, or if I, the below signed registrant am 18 years of age or older, I hereby give Northside Baptist Church permission to act on my behalf in seeking medical treatment in the event that such treatment is deemed necessary or advisable for the registrant's health, safety and welfare. I give permission to those administering medical treatment to do so, using measures deemed necessary. I release Northside Baptist Church and all medical providers from liability in acting on my behalf in this regard and rendering such medical treatment. I assume the risk and financial responsibility for any injury resulting from the registrant's activities. In addition, the registrant and I have read the Discipline Guidelines of Northside Student Ministries and are in total agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent (Must be legal managing conservator)

Please use the back of this sheet to provide any additional information concerning your student which might help our staff minister more effectively to your young person.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

County of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

# **UYC theme nights are back!!**

**You want extra cabin points? We've got em! Go all out with our theme nights this year, here are the nights...**

**Monday Night -Junk Yard Night**

**Tuesday Night- Ancestor Night**

**Wednesday Night- Deserted Island Night**

**Thursday Night- reduce, reuse and RECYCLE Night**

**Friday Night- Banquet (bring something nice to wear)**

**(camp dress code applies to all theme nights)**

**DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR MEDICATION **OUT AND READY** THE DAY WE LEAVE FOR CAMP. THE NURSE NEEDS IT. THIS MEANS THAT YOU **DO NOT** WANT TO PACK IT IN YOUR BAG. PLEASE HAVE YOUR MEDICATION OUT AND READY TO TURN INTO THE NURSE ON JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>.**