

PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT FORM 2015-16

Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council

"SPYCE"

I am aware that my child, _____, is applying for the Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council. I have read the Covenant of the Youth Council, the Expectations of Youth, and the schedule below and I will support his/her participation on the Youth Council if she/he is selected.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

COVENANT

Member of the Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council, covenant to:

- Plan and implement a Middle School Rally and a High School Retreat for the Presbytery, providing a safe, welcoming and fun filled atmosphere while providing an opportunity for spiritual growth for all attendees,
- Model Christ to guests and fellow council members alike by words and actions,
- Be an encourager to one another in good and bad times,
- Share God's love and presence in our lives,
- Pray without ceasing for the youth council,
- Be an encourager to fellow SPYCE members, keeping in mind how important your words are; be constructive, not destructive,
- Be enthusiastic and attentive,
- Do our best in everything as excellence honors God.

EXPECTATIONS OF YOUTH AND ADULTS ON COUNCIL

1. Members of the Shenandoah Youth Council are required to attend all scheduled council meetings, the Middler Rally, and the Senior High Retreat. Members who have three (3) unexcused absences or four (4) excused absences will not be allowed to apply for another year of membership. Absence to the Middler Rally and Senior High Retreat will count as two (2) absences.

2. Any member of the council, youth or adult, who is unable to attend a meeting or retreat must submit a written request for an excused absence to the steering committee, at least three days prior to a meeting and two weeks prior to the Middler Rally and Senior High Retreat, except in emergency situations. In the case of an emergency situation, an adult leader must be notified by phone. Absences as a result of emergency situations will be classified as "excused". Other excused absences can be of the following:

- Personal sickness;
- Sickness/death of family member;
- Church youth group or other significant church activity;
- Other absence requests will be reviewed by the steering committee and determined as "excused" or "unexcused".

MEETING DATES OF SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL

- Friday, August 14 (5:30 pm)-Sunday, August 16 (1:00 pm), Planning/Kickoff Weekend
- Sunday, September 13, 2:00-5:00 pm, Planning Meeting
- Saturday, September 26 (1:00 pm)-Sunday, September 27 (5:00 pm), Middle School Rally
- Saturday, December 5, 12:00-4:00 pm, optional Christmas gathering
- Friday, January 8 (5:30 pm)-Sunday, January 10 (1:00 pm), Senior High Retreat planning
- Sunday, January 24, 2016, 2:00-5:00 pm, Planning Meeting
- Friday, February 6 (right after school)-Sunday, February 8 (1:00 pm), Senior High Retreat
- Date TBD, Spring Planning Meeting/Senior Farewell

Meeting dates may be changed at the discretion of the adult leaders of the youth council. Except in the case of inclement weather, changes will be made at least 10 days prior to the original scheduled meeting.

This form must be submitted with child's application.