

PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT FORM 2017-18

Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire (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 he/she is selected.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

COVENANT

Members of the Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire (SPYCE) covenant to:

- Plan and implement a Middle School Rally and a high school event(s) for the Presbytery, providing a safe, welcoming, fun-filled atmosphere while providing an opportunity for spiritual growth for all attendees;
- Model Christ to guests and fellow SPYCE members alike by our words and actions;
- Be an encourager to one another in good and bad times, sharing God's love and presence in our lives;
- Pray without ceasing for SPYCE;
- Be an encourager to fellow SPYCE members, keeping in mind how important our words are;
- Be enthusiastic, attentive, and participate to the best of our ability, and do our best in everything;

EXPECTATIONS OF YOUTH AND ADULTS ON COUNCIL

1. Members of SPYCE are required to attend all scheduled Council meetings, the Middler Rally, and senior high event(s). 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 or senior high event(s) will count as two (2) absences.
2. Any member of SPYCE who is unable to attend a meeting or retreat must submit a written request for an excused absence to the Moderator, Jenna Smith, at least three days prior to a meeting and two weeks prior to a major event, except in an emergency situation. In 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 because 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 Moderator and other adult leaders and determined as "excused" or "unexcused"

MEETING DATES OF SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY YOUTH COUNCIL (may be subject to change)

- Friday, August 18 (5:30 pm)-Sunday, August 20 (1:00 pm), Planning/Kickoff Weekend
- Sunday, September 10, 2:00-5:00 pm. Planning Meeting
- Saturday, September 30 (1:00 pm)-Sunday, October 1 (5:00 pm), Middle School Rally
- Saturday, December 2, 12:00-4:00 pm, optional Christmas gathering
- Friday, January 5 (5:30 pm)-Sunday, January 7 (1:00 pm), 2018, Epiphany Party and Planning Retreat
- Friday, March 2 (4:00 pm)-Saturday, March 3 (11:00 am), Senior High Lock-In
- Date TBD, Spring Planning Meeting/Senior Farewell

This form must be submitted with your child's application.