

FLD NYI GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS

We have developed certain guidelines over the years that will allow students to have fun, glorify God, and be safe while participating in our district sponsored events.

Though we know that the local church may have more strict or more lenient guidelines, we ask that everyone adhere to those listed below for district events to avoid confusion, with an understanding that there will be “event specific” boundaries and guidelines later

STUDENT SECTION:

Students covenant...

- to respect/obey all adult sponsors, leaders, staff, etc. (not limited to your local church)
- to treat other students with kindness & consideration and avoid behaviors that will be a distraction to God’s work
- to abide by the guidelines set in place by this handbook
- to abide by all event specific guidelines and boundaries set by event leadership
- to adhere to the schedule of activities (be where you’re supposed to be when you’re supposed to be there)
- to keep PDA limited to holding hands
- to avoid inappropriate behavior at ALL times that might cause those around you to be “uncomfortable”
- to have a current medical release on file in case of emergencies. Failure to do so will negate participation in district events.
- to leave all pets at home

This is our dress code. If a student violates this code, he/she will be asked to change into appropriate attire. Please, no...

- baggy pants/low cut pants that show underwear
- revealing swim suits (ie. Bikinis, speedos, etc.)
- sleepwear outside of your sleeping quarters
- tank tops that are less than 2 fingers width on the strap
- shorts and skirts that are shorter than fingertip length (including the split)
- strapless anything
- bare chested guys outside of sleeping quarters or swim areas

It is understood that repeated failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in consequences that may include a trip home early at parents’ expense. However, there are certain offenses that will expedite the trip...

- possession of any of the following
 - Illegal drugs (or paraphernalia)
 - Alcohol
 - Tobacco (or paraphernalia)
 - Fire Arms
 - Fireworks (or any other type of explosives)
- sneaking out after set curfews
- having a member of the opposite sex in sleeping quarters
- participating in immoral conduct
- destroying property or destructive pranks

Electronic Devices...

- Many of our events tend to include long distance travel. Due to this fact, we understand that electronic devices (ie. Phones, mp3 players, portable games, etc.) are a way to pass the time. However, we encourage every leader to discourage the use of these while at the events except in emergencies (calling parents). They are proven distractions to what God might like to say or do in the life of our students.

ADULT SECTION:

Adult leaders covenant to...

- love students!
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- and love students more!!
- be in a vibrant, active relationship with Christ. If we don't, the students will know it.
- be the adults. Be empowered to hold students accountable to schedules and guidelines, but lead by example.
- be flexible. There may be an area we need your help in due to unforeseen circumstances.
- be visible. Students need to see you involved with what is going on. There will be times you can "disappear", but interact with students (not just your own) as much as possible.
- be patient. We are dealing with students who bring "baggage" with them to our events, with pre-conceived notions of what is acceptable and what is not. Also, our events are led by people who are no more perfect than you, so....
- be humble and transparent. We are not perfect and are not expected to be. Students need to know that we, too, are human and therefore struggle.
- be in prayer. This is vital before, at and after every event. Praying with and for our students is vital.
- be filled. As much as our events are geared toward reaching students, we have seen how God works in the lives of our adults at our events as well.
- be safe. Students tend to have an "I'm invincible" mentality. Be watchful at the events and discourage "invincible" activities that they may try to participate in.
- refrain from being alone with a student. Always attempt to be in a highly visible location.
- communicate. At the many events we have, it is vital that we communicate with each other about the where's, the when's the how's and the why's to avoid the pitfalls that can break down the team.
- be conscious of God's direction when dealing with students. Our sensitivity to the Spirit may make the difference in how receptive a student is to God's voice.
- ensure that the District Office has a current background check on file when participating in district events. They are only good for two years.
- adhere to the Florida District Safe Haven Policies and Procedures at all times. (A copy is included in this handbook and all volunteers should review so they will be aware of the District standards)
- be a participating member in good standing with a local Nazarene Church.