

Collierville United Methodist Church
Discovery Weekend – February 16-18, 2018
Student Promise/Covenant

In order to experience fully the works of God's Holy Spirit in the lives of all those we have the opportunity to meet or serve, through the love and fellowship of my group, and for my own spiritual growth as well as the spiritual growth of others, I _____, do hereby enter into this covenant with Collierville United Methodist Church Student Ministry, its leaders and volunteers.

I along with my parents or guardian, promise/pledge to uphold the following articles of this covenant, its stated purposes above, and pray for the safety and success of this event/trip.

1. I will at all times be respectful and considerate of the needs of my group and its leaders.
2. I will realize that my actions and words reflect on me, my parents, my church, and, most of all, our God. Accordingly, I will act in such a manner as to bring glory to God and honor to my family and Collierville United Methodist Church.
3. I will respect the authority of those placed before me on this event/trip, realizing that their purpose is to spiritually guide, love, and protect me on this retreat/mission trip.
4. I understand that during Discovery Weekend, students do not need cell phones or any kind of electronic devices. If your student needs to contact a family member, there will be plenty of adults with phones. PLEASE KEEP ALL DEVICES AT HOME.
5. I will give my focus to God and to the peers and leaders on the Discovery Weekend. Discovery is a "get away" given to God. We will have plenty of music and a means to play worship and Christian music at our lodging in the church. We will have ample fun and experience worship every evening designed to draw us closer to God.
6. I acknowledge that the primary purpose of this event/trip is for my spiritual growth and to experience the love of Jesus in a way that will lead me to want to share it with those I meet the rest of my life. I promise to be open to God's direction in my life knowing that God desires to love and lead me.
7. I understand that there will be no public displays of affection of any kind, no girls in guys sleeping quarters, no guys in girls sleeping quarters, and my language must be respectful at all times concerning the opposite sex. As we have said many times in Student Ministry: NO PURPLE.
8. In order to be respectful to the group, I will dress modestly. This means modest swimwear, shorts, jeans, tops. I will do my very best to represent my group in a positive manner. No clothing with inappropriate language or symbols will be allowed. I will dress in a way that brings respect and dignity to my group and those I encounter along the way.

9. There will be zero tolerance for alcohol, smoking, chewing tobacco, drugs or any use of illegal substances. If I must take medication, I will let the student chaperones/counselors know and note on my medical/health form. Two chaperones will be designated to keep students' medicines and follow parent instruction concerning them. We will also have a first aid kit with some over the counter meds.

10. I will never go anywhere alone. We will operate by a three person buddy system and when appropriate also with two chaperones. I will communicate with at least one chaperone/counselor when I need to leave the group for any reason so that my location will always be known. This is for safety. Cell phones will be used by adults for emergency and regular communication for the group. I will stay within the parameters set for the safety of the group.

11. I understand all activities are designed to **bring unity to the group and an incredible experience with the living God and each other.** Therefore **I will participate fully.** **Worship will not be a backseat activity.** As always Collierville Student Ministry groups will seek to be fully engaged with God and as close to the front as possible sitting as **a total group.** We don't get many chances to have these experiences so I will "go for it," 110%. I will bring an open heart for God and others and have a blast!!!

This Covenant is entered into on the 16th day of February, 2018.

Youth Participant: _____

Or

Adult Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____