BRAVE
YOUTH

Movement Retreat Rules

These guidelines help every student have a safe, fun, and meaningful weekend. Students are expected to follow the retreat schedule, respect leaders, participate in activities, and conduct themselves in a way that honors Jesus and others.

General Expectations

- **Participate in all scheduled sessions, meals, small groups, and activities.**
- **Follow leader instructions and stay with your group.**
- **Students may not leave the church, Boardwalk, or retreat group without authorization from Brave Youth staff and a parent/guardian.**
- **Parents are required to drop off and pick up their students. Students may not drive themselves or use their own vehicles during the retreat.**
- **Respect church property, buses, Boardwalk facilities, and other people's belongings. Students are responsible for damage they cause.**
- **Stay hydrated, eat meals, and tell a leader if you feel unwell or need help.**

Church Campus Boundaries

- **Stay in designated retreat areas and follow all posted signs.**
- **Offices, storage rooms, production areas, and other restricted spaces are off-limits unless a leader gives permission.**
- **Do not leave campus, wander into parking lots, or enter locked or closed areas.**
- **Stay in groups of three or more when moving between approved areas.**
- **Boys may not enter the girls' sleeping area, and girls may not enter the boys' sleeping area.**

Boardwalk Rules

- **Travel with the retreat group on the provided transportation.**
- **Stay with your assigned group and follow all leader instructions, meeting times, and check-in expectations.**
- **Never go anywhere alone. Remain in groups of at least three within the boundaries set by leaders.**
- **Do not leave the designated Boardwalk area, go to the beach, enter the ocean, or leave with another person.**
- **Follow all posted ride rules and instructions from Boardwalk staff.**
- **Be respectful toward other guests and their belongings.**
- **If you become separated from your group, contact your leader or Pastor Daniel immediately. If you cannot reach them, ask a uniformed Boardwalk employee for assistance.**
- **Be on time for departure. No student may stay behind or arrange a separate ride without prior authorization.**

Sleeping Arrangements / Lights Out

- **Girls will sleep in the auditorium, and boys will sleep in the gym, with adult leaders supervising each area.**
- **Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and sleeping pad.**
- **Stay in your assigned sleeping area.**
- **Be ready for bed by the scheduled time and remain quiet after lights out.**
- **If you need the restroom or help during the night, notify a supervising leader.**
- **No wandering around campus or leaving your sleeping area to socialize after lights out.**

Relationships / Boundaries

- **Treat others with wisdom, respect, and appropriate physical boundaries.**
- **No romantic physical affection, including holding hands, cuddling, or romantic hugging.**
- **Do not pair off romantically, privately, or away from the group.**
- **Boys and girls may not be alone together.**
- **Stay in groups of three or more during activities and transitions.**
- **Respect personal space. Unwanted touching, comments, or attention are not acceptable.**

Dress Code

- **Wear clothing appropriate for worship, games, an overnight stay, and a full day at the Boardwalk.**
- **Clothing should not be overly revealing or display inappropriate language, images, or references.**
- **Bring comfortable walking shoes and warm layers for the coast.**
- **Wear appropriate sleepwear in shared sleeping areas.**
- **Leaders may ask students to change clothing that does not meet these expectations.**

Phones / Devices

- **Our final phone collection and access policy will be shared before the retreat, including expectations for the Boardwalk trip.**
- **Follow all leader instructions about phone use. Devices should not distract from worship, teaching, small groups, or time together.**
- **Do not bring gaming devices, extra cellular devices, or speakers.**
- **Do not photograph or record others without permission. No photos or videos in restrooms, changing spaces, or sleeping areas.**
- **Parents who need to reach their student can contact Pastor Daniel Kopti at 925-998-9330.**

Medication

- **Parents must review medication needs with our team at check-in.**
- **Bring medication in its original labeled container, inside a bag marked with the student's name.**
- **Include clear written instructions for when and how it should be taken.**
- **Medication storage and access must be coordinated with the retreat team.**
- **Tell our team about emergency medication, including inhalers or epinephrine, so an access plan is established before parents leave.**
- **Never share medication with another student.**

Prohibited Items

The following are not allowed:

- **Alcohol, marijuana, illegal drugs, or medication used outside its prescribed or intended purpose**
- **Tobacco, vapes, or nicotine products**
- **Weapons**

- **Lighters, matches, fireworks, or other hazardous materials**
- **Prank items**
- **Items displaying inappropriate language or images**
- **Anything illegal or unsafe**

Brave Youth reserves the right to search luggage or belongings if there is a safety concern.

Language / Attitude / Respect

- **Speak respectfully to leaders, students, staff, and other guests.**
- **No bullying, harassment, threats, inappropriate language, or putting others down.**
- **Include others and help make the retreat welcoming.**
- **Follow directions promptly and avoid behavior that disrupts sessions, activities, or rest.**
- **Tell a leader if you see something unsafe or if someone needs help.**

Discipline Policy

Our goal is to correct behavior, care for students, and keep the retreat safe. When appropriate, our team may use the following process:

1. **First warning and a conversation with a leader.**
2. **Second warning and parent/guardian contact as needed.**
3. **Final strike, which may result in dismissal from the retreat.**

Serious behavior, safety concerns, illegal activity, prohibited items, or repeated refusal to follow instructions may result in immediate dismissal without completing every warning step.

If a student is dismissed:

- **A parent/guardian must arrange prompt pick-up at the location coordinated by our team.**
- **The student will remain supervised until released to their parent/guardian or an authorized adult.**
- **The student may not continue participating in the retreat.**
- **No refund will be provided.**

If a Student Gets Sick

Students should tell a leader right away if they feel sick or are injured. Our team will contact parents as needed and coordinate appropriate care.

A student who may be contagious may be separated from group activities while remaining supervised. Parents may be asked to pick up their student if they cannot safely or comfortably continue participating. In an emergency, our team will contact emergency services and notify the parent/guardian.

Final Reminder

Come ready to participate, include others, follow directions, and make the most of the weekend. We want every student to feel welcome, build friendships, and grow closer to Jesus!