

Community Guidelines and Covenant

This FPC High School Summer trip experience will occur over the course of several days and nights. As a result, you will be a single member of our entire group but also a representative of First Presbyterian Church. As part of your participation in this missionary community, all students and chaperones must agree to live with honesty, in good character, and by these basic agreements.

1. In respect for the entire group, students must agree to not engage in any behavior or discourse that appears to be an inappropriate public display of affection (PDA). This includes but is not limited to kissing, stroking, hugging, suggestive talk, and etc. Students traveling together who are in a romantic relationship are encouraged to seek personal and spiritual growth through their conversations with their cohort leader, cohort members, and trip partners.
2. Cell phones and MP3 players are welcome on the trip to and from base camp. Their inclusion during the trip will be at the discretion of the leaders at the Boundary Waters Canoe Base. That said, there is no cell phone service in the Boundary Waters and neither students nor parents will have contact throughout the canoe trip itself.
3. During travel, Pastor Michael will be available to address any concerns at (320) 266-2414. Throughout the trip inside the Boundary Waters, all matters of emergency can be immediately be communicated to the Boundary Waters Canoe Base team at (218) 388-2241, though there is no guarantee that the team will be able to make contact with the group until its return.
4. There is zero tolerance for alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or vaping of any kind. If a student brings these on the trip, they will automatically forfeit their trip payments as well as the opportunity to participate on the remainder of the trip.
5. All students must agree to follow the direct instructions of any FPC leader, Boundary Waters Canoe Base leader, or church volunteer. If a student fails to abide by these guidelines, the staff and volunteers of First Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake reserve the right to return the student home early at the cost of the student and family.