

CONDUCT AND DRESS CODES FOR BETHEL YOUTH CONFERENCES

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim 4:12

1. It is our desire that every person attending Bethel Youth Conferences demonstrate conduct and qualities described by Paul in 1 Timothy 4:12.
2. To accomplish this, we strongly insist on solid Christian behavior between boys and girls at conference. Boys should not be near girls' dorms and girls should not be near boys' dorms. We insist on a "hands off" policy between boys and girls to include no physical contact. This includes all forms of public display of affection (hand holding, hugging, kissing or more). It is our hope that, even though many of these types of conduct are perfectly acceptable outside our Youth Conferences, our teens would dedicate themselves during this time to separate themselves to the Lord for specific attention to all that He has for them, without these distractions.
3. During prayer at altar services, boys should only pray with/for other boys and girls should only pray with/for other girls. Campers will not leave the evening service without the approval of a director, pastor or their group leader. Group leaders should pray and deal with their specifically assigned campers only and always be wise in approaching spiritually sensitive topics. It is always best when unsure to refer a camper to his pastor or his representative for the most serious counseling needs.
4. For the purpose of creating a "separated to the Lord" atmosphere during conferences, no phones, Ipods or other electronic devices will be kept by youth during the conference. They must be left and secured with their sponsoring pastor or his representative prior to camp. Adults should use their electronic devices sparingly and only as absolutely necessary so as not to be a distraction to campers. Campers may use their cell phones briefly during conference only under the supervision and authorization of their pastor or his representative and only for a strictly limited amount of time to contact their parents if necessary.
5. After dark, campers must not be in any areas of camp other than the tabernacle, dining hall, in front of the dining hall area between it and the dorms and their own assigned dorms. In all other areas, campers must be escorted and supervised and only for specific conference scheduled activities. Campers are never authorized in or around the lake area at any time without authorized supervision and for specific scheduled activities.
6. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or similar products are always prohibited on Camp grounds. No firearms are allowed and any necessary prescription drugs or medications must be registered with the camp nurse or Registrar at the start of conference.

CLOTHING

*"Let **not** yours be the outward adorning...(like fine clothing)...but let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious." 1 Peter 3:3-4*

"...Dress modestly, with decency and propriety and moderation...(not excess)..., but with good deeds...appropriate for those who profess to worship God...those who profess godliness with good works." 1 Timothy 2:9

Unlike the current standard of dress in the world, we want our youth to learn what it means to dress modestly and moderately while they attend our youth conferences. We understand that this will likely take extra effort by every camper, especially in light of what we wear when we are not at camp. Pastors must brief their respective campers on what is listed here as appropriate dress and make sure they arrive prepared to meet those standards and not wear inappropriate clothing. Interestingly, the two above verses are directed primarily at women. However, the standards and attitudes demanded by these Scriptures should apply to Christians of either gender. The last thing we want to inspire in any other camper are impure thoughts influenced by what we wear or how we present ourselves. We want our youth to recognize that we each bear a Christian responsibility for how others think about our dress and how we present ourselves. Therefore, while at Youth Conferences, we insist on the following dress standards:

1. Everyone must wear modest apparel.
 - a. No tank tops, spaghetti straps or large arm holes in clothing.
 - b. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be no shorter than one hand width above the knee. No low cut or low rise pants. No low riding jeans.
 - c. No midriffs exposed at any time. No low cut tops.
 - d. Tight pants or leggings should not reveal body parts inappropriately and, if worn, should be covered by a long top or dress.
2. During any water activities, guys should wear shorts or trunks and a colored T-shirt. Girls should wear one piece swimsuits (no bikinis) with shorts and colored T-shirt.
3. During evening services, if you are going to be on the platform, guys must wear long pants and a button up or polo shirt. Girls must wear long dresses, long pants or knee length skirt and top. (No spaghetti straps, low cut tops, sleeveless tops with large arm holes, and no navel exposure.) All others, not on the platform must wear modest dress. Although long pants or dresses are preferred at evening services, appropriate length shorts can be worn due to hot temperatures at camp this time of year. No hats worn in tabernacle at any time.