

## New Beginnings Community Covenant

Dear Parents, New Beginners and Sponsors,

In order to have the best New Beginnings possible for the Participants and Staff members, we as individuals and as a community understand and agree to the following rules and guidelines. The adult staff reserves the right to take disciplinary action toward any person who does not abide by this covenant, including asking them to leave the weekend. Please read through the following information carefully and prayerfully before signing.

1. We are a community of Christians. As such we will treat each other as Christ instructs us, with love, respect and charity.
2. The purpose of the weekend is to grow closer to God through Jesus Christ and to develop a personal relationship with God. As a community focused on Christ, and understanding the many different faces of our Church, we covenant to refrain from discussing potentially divisive topics, such as the politics of the church.
3. No weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products or artificial stimulants (Vivarin, NoDoze, etc.)
4. No abusive language or cursing.
5. Everyone must be in his/her designated sleeping area by the instructed lights-out time and remain there through the night.
6. No girls in guy's cabin areas, no guys in girl's cabin areas.
7. No damaging or taking any property.
8. No leaving the community. "Community" includes leaving designated buildings at any time and not being present at large group meetings and small group meetings, meals and worship without the express permission of the Married Couple or an adult staff member.
9. No inappropriate or public displays of affection.
10. No discussions or debates on church or national politics. (the focus should be on CHRIST)
11. And remember: ***Love the Lord God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself!***

Staff Member/Participant/Sponsor:

I have read and understand the above rules and pledge to abide by them

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parent/Guardian

I will support my child/participant in this covenant.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

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Fill out the following information, if known:

Name of Sponsor for the weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/state/zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Sponsor's home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill out application/medical form on other side of this page before returning)

Mail application and fee to: Episcopal Center for Renewal, 10290 Monroe Drive Suite 101, Dallas TX 75229