PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUTH

2027 Steubenville Youth Conference
Participant Policy Acknowledgement

Expectations of Conference Participants

- Pray daily for self & others
- Receive the Sacraments
- Participate in activities
- Be open, flexible & have a servant's attitude
- Represent God in your words & actions
- Drink plenty of water, obey sleeping times, & make sure you eat all meals. This will allow you to fully participate & not be tired.
- Remember that you are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Present yourself accordingly.
- If teens must leave an activity an adult chaperone should accompany them, especially to first aid.
- Dress in accordance with the conference Modesty Guidelines.
- Be safe. No horseplay or other potentially harmful actions. Leave pocketknives, lighters, or other hazardous materials at home.
- No skateboards, laptops, rollerblades, glow-sticks, laser pointers or flashing items. No clothespins or "clipping"; no "Free Hug" signs.
- All words & actions you use should build up others and not injure.
- The facility must remain clean & undamaged.
- No outside visitors are allowed at the conference.
- Your actions during conference activities should not distract others from hearing, seeing, or praying.
- Allow others to sleep. Abide by the "lights out" time. You should not be in the showers, halls, or outside of your sleeping area after that time.

Modesty Guidelines

Partnership for Youth requests that all participants follow guidelines regarding modest dress. These guidelines should be reviewed by all participants, chaperones, and parents. **Please note that it is the responsibility of group leaders and chaperones to address these guidelines with their teens. Conference staff and volunteers will not personally address modesty with participants unless there is a gross violation.**

Please avoid the following:

- Shorts, skirts, or dresses shorter than 5 inches above the knee while standing, or that are tight, drawing attention to the shape of the body.
- Shirts that reveal midriff or are low cut from the neck.
- Leggings, yoga pants and tights, unless paired with a long, loose-fitting tunic or dress.
- Rolling up skirts or shorts at the leg or waistband.
- Pants or shorts that sag to the point where they reveal one's undergarments.
- Clothing that may appear to have an anti-Christian message or with writings that include crude language, promotion of alcohol or drug use, or suggestive material of a crude or sexual nature.
- "Free Hugs" signs and shirts.

Additionally:

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- During all Liturgies and prayers, out of respect, every male must remove any headwear. This includes all hats, visors, headbands, bandanas, etc.
- Individuals serving in any capacity during the weekend's liturgical celebrations are asked to wear long pants or a long skirt and an appropriate shirt.
- Any inappropriate language/behavior/conduct/dancing will not be tolerated.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Weapons

All local laws concerning alcohol, drugs and weapons will be strictly enforced. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or cannabis in any form are prohibited at all Steubenville Youth Conferences. We have a zero-tolerance policy, and youth or adults found consuming alcohol will be sent home.

- **Violation of Policy:** If a teen is found in possession of drugs, alcohol, or weapons; or has consumed drugs or alcohol or is a danger to themselves or others, their parents will be called to come pick them up. Teens may not return to the conference. Teens will be kept with officers at the conference security office to keep them safe. Teens will be released only to parents or approved adults to be removed from the conference site. **During the time the teen is with site security, parents will incur a $30/hour charge.**
- At the discretion of Partnership for Youth staff and/or site public safety personnel some offences may be reported to and handled by local law enforcement.

Smoking

All Steubenville Youth Conference facilities are smoke-free. This includes the use of e-cigarettes and vaping. Outside of conference session times, smoking is permitted in designated areas. Please be aware that Minnesota and Illinois State laws prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing tobacco products (including chewing tobacco).

CONSEQUENCE POLICY

All youth are expected to follow the above outlined expectations, as well as the direction of conference event staff, security, and volunteers. Noncompliance with these policies, lack of cooperation or insubordination may result in immediate dismissal of the participant from the conference, at their own expense.