

## **2017-2018 EPIC Rules**

As parents and mentors part of our job is, in love, helping hold the teens accountable and foster an environment that glorifies God. We want to offer activities that will bring teens closer to Him, while having fun and enjoying one another. Please help us accomplish this by reviewing and discussing the following rules with your teen(s).

### **Dress Code**

Please make sure your teen is dressed in a way that honors God and themselves, and not in a way that will cause a member of the opposite sex to stumble. Modesty and decency will be the guideline.

Swimwear - Please send a female teen in a tankini or one piece. If they wear a bikini it must be covered with a t-shirt (but not a see-through or white shirt).

Please have teens pack appropriately for trip/activity. Other organizations may apply additional or more restrictive clothing guidelines. EPIC members must comply with those guidelines.

### **Travel and Lodging**

- Please always be on time.
- Seat belts must be used in all vehicles for all activities at all times.
- Stay with the group. Teens must let an adult leader know when leaving and being picked up by a parent.
- During activities, teens should stay in groups of at least three. Students should not be anywhere by themselves for safety reasons.
- There will be no use of teen's personal vehicles for out of town EPIC activities. Adult chaperones will always provide transportation. If there are not enough chaperones we will cancel a trip. Teens may drive themselves and family members to a local event with leader and parent permission.
- No chaperones will transport a teen of the opposite sex by themselves.
- Please always make accommodations for your teens to be picked up promptly when an event ends. Chaperones do not always have time to take teens home or stay at event waiting for a parent.
- Respect gender-specific areas. No guys in rooms designated for girls only and vice versa. (including tents/campers)
- No teen is allowed to leave an event early unless it has been approved by a leader and parent before the start of the event or a family emergency arises.

## Speech and Behavior

- Welcome and accept other members of EPIC, as Christ loves and accepts me. I agree to reach out to others, and be open to making new friends.
- Support the leaders and chaperones with your full participation and attention. Please show them respect and follow directions.
- Treat each other with respect including peers and others we may come in contact with. I will speak positively about others. No personal insults, teasing or gossip. This includes social media.
- Be engaged in Bible lessons and activities. Listen and avoid talking at the same time so everyone can be heard.
- Be considerate with your cell phone and other electronic devices. Do not let them distract you or others from learning more about God.
- Respect and take care of our classroom and church building. Clean up when necessary and respect the property of others.
- No cussing, foul talk, inappropriate jokes.
- No offensive or indecent material (If you wouldn't show Jesus, you shouldn't be looking at it). This goes for video games and music that contain violent content, sexual themes or offensive language.
- No physical violence toward any teens or chaperone. This will result in immediate call to parent and removal from event and possibly upcoming events.
- No drugs, alcohol, tobacco or weapons. Violators will be removed from event immediately and police will also be notified if needed.
- EPIC events are not dates. Therefore, a male/female couple are to act as friends. No public displays of affection.

As a member of EPIC, I agree to follow these guidelines, to respect others and myself, and to treat everyone in my church community with fairness and consideration.

I understand and agree that church and youth group must be a positive and cooperative environment so that everyone can learn and grow.

Teen signature

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Parent Signature

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