

The National Black Church Religious Summit 12 on Sexuality Chaperone Guidelines July 9-11, 2008

Chaperones are responsible for the conduct of their teens at all times. To ensure that they are properly chaperoned, it is required that there be one chaperone to every five teens and at least one chaperone of each gender if the group consists of teens of both genders. Chaperones must be at least 25 years old.

Alcohol/Drugs

The drinking of alcoholic beverages at any time during the Summit is strictly prohibited as is the use of illegal drugs.

Curfew

Teens must be in their assigned rooms by 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, through Thursday, there will be NO exceptions.

Hotel Rooms

Chaperones must be present if the teens wish to visit in mixed gender groups. Mixed gender groups are not allowed in the hotel rooms at any time. Teens must be in their assigned rooms at the designated curfew times. Chaperones are required to check the rooms of their youth each morning to insure that it is in good shape with no damage to furniture, carpet, walls, etc. Chaperones should not retire until all teens have been checked in for the night.

Prohibited Materials

Teens are not allowed to bring fireworks, weapons, candles, incense, water pistols, toy guns, or other kinds of dangerous or distracting materials to the Summit.

Responsibility/Supervision

Persons who assume the responsibility for chaperoning a group of teens should recognize that they have assumed a 24 hour a day responsibility from beginning to the end of the trip. Chaperones should keep an accurate check on the teens assigned to them at all times. Chaperones will be assigned to monitor hotel floors and lobby exits. Teens are expected to remain with the group at all times unless special arrangements have been made. All activities MUST be supervised. There will be no swimming at any time. There are NO exceptions. Remember safety first.

Teen Conduct

Chaperones should have a meeting well in advance of departure in order to review the Summit conduct requirements. Teens will not be allowed to attend the Summit unless they have agreed, in writing, to abide by the Summit conduct guidelines and have completed the permission forms required by the RCRC staff to attend the Summit. Any RCRC staff or chaperone witnessing inappropriate behavior by a teen is to report it to the teen's chaperone for the appropriate disciplinary action. Any teen in violation of these rules will be sent back home immediately at the expense of the teen's family and/or sponsoring church/group.

Dress

Teens are expected to dress in a manner which reflects self respect and dignity. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times. Hats and other forms of headdress such as bandannas, "do-rags", etc. must be removed when inside. Exceptions regarding headdress will be made for religious and medical reasons only. Every effort should be made to avoid tattered, revealing, or otherwise inappropriate clothing.