

Parental Consent and Liability Release Form for the District Youth Retreat on Tangier

PARTICIPANT'S NAME _____ AGE _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN NAME(S) _____

WORK PHONE(S)/ CELL PHONE(S) _____ / _____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The undersigned do(es) hereby give permission for our (my) child(ren):

_____ ("Participant"), to attend and participate in **The Eastern Shore District Spring Youth Retreat on Port Isobel and Tangier Islands** is sponsored by the **Eastern Shore District's Board of Laity, Youth Ministry Area of the United Methodist Church June 11-12, 2011.** *Saturday departure and Sunday arrival times at Onancock Wharf TBA.*

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of **The Virginia Conference** allowing the Participant to participate in children or youth ministry activities, we (I), the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless **The Virginia Conference**, its directors, employees, volunteers and agents (collectively herein the "Church") from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the Participant while involved in the children/youth activities. We (I) the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this Participant hereby grant our (my) permission for the Participant to participate fully in youth ministry activities, including trips away from the church premises.

Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) minor Participant(s)] hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said Church to furnish any necessary transportation (within the limitations of church insurance and the law), food and lodging for this Participant. The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said Church for any liability sustained by said Church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said Participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

EARLY RETURN HOME POLICY: Should it be necessary for our (my) child or youth to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs and responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION: The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) youth to ride in any vehicle driven by an approved ADULT chaperone while attending and participating in activities sponsored by **The Virginia Conference**. My child/youth and I understand that SEAT BELTS SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES during transportation.

PHOTO RELEASE: I grant ___do not grant___ permission for my child to be photographed for possible inclusion in a OOTB or UMC publication or video.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION: We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child or youth pursuant to this authorization.

Medical Insurance: YES ___NO ___ Insurance Company: _____ Policy/Group# _____

Emergency Contact with Phone #'s in case parent/guardian cannot be reached _____

Allergies or Medical Conditions: _____

Permission to give Tylenol? YES ___NO ___ Other medications? Please list any medications your child will need to take during the retreat and how often they need to be taken. Medications should be given to retreat staff upon arrival and an adult will maintain your child's' medication schedule.

MEDICATION: _____ INSTRUCTIONS: _____

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Additional medications with instructions on back page? Yes ___No ___

COST: Registration and participation, including all expenses is **\$20 (Tangier Youth is \$10)**. Checks should be made payable to ESDUMC (Eastern Shore District UMC) and sent or faxed to P.O. Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421 FAX: 757-665-6295 (call 665-6295 first before you fax your document)

Please contact Connie Owens @ 757-665-6295, or District Youth Coordinator Karen Hatch @ 757-414-0339 with questions or scholarship inquiries. **Registration deadline is JUNE 1. Early registration is strongly recommended as space is limited.**



Photo by: Neil Kaye

“Earthkeepers, Part 2” -June 11-12, 2011 Spring Youth Retreat on Port Isobel & Tangier Islands

Eastern Shore Youth, we've got exciting news for you! On June 11th and 12th District Youth will be traveling to Port Isobel and Tangier Island for an overnight retreat: “Earthkeepers Part 2”. Signing up early is extremely important if you want to participate, since we'll be traveling by boat and space is limited. **There are only 28 spots available!!!** The Tangier Youth will meet us there of course and we should have between 60 and 70 youth all together! The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will pick us up at the Onancock wharf on Saturday morning, June 11th and bring us back to the dock after worship at Swain UMC on Sunday. (times, TBA). Saturday we'll get to explore, learn about the Chesapeake Bay, maybe go boating, hang out on the beach etc., in between sessions with the Tangier Youth leaders. On Sunday youth will lead worship at Swain Memorial UMC.

The cost is only \$20.00 and includes food, lodging, and a donation we'll make to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. **Cost for Tangier youth is \$10.00.**

If you've never been to these neighboring islands it's a great opportunity and the Tangier Youth are very excited to host this event for our youth on the district. For more information and registration forms visit our District website at www.easternshoredistrictumc.org click on Youth Ministry or call me (757-414-0339) or Connie Owens (757-665- 6295.) Hope to see you on board! *In Christ, Karen Hatch, District Youth Coord.*

Youth Covenant of Conduct

During the meetings and events under the sponsorship and guidance of **the Eastern Shore District of The United Methodist Church**, I recognize that I am a representative of the Christian Community and I am responsible for my actions. I understand that by signing this Covenant, I agree to abide by the following guidelines. **I Shall:**

- ☺ Recognize that everyone in the group is a part of the body of Christ. I will embrace inclusiveness by making sure that everyone feels welcome and important.
- ☺ Respect the physical and emotional well-being of others by “doing unto them as I would have them do unto me.” (This includes refraining from harsh play or violence, refraining from harmful jokes, respecting the need for sleep, etc.)
- ☺ Respect the health of my own body by refraining from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs. I understand that the use of these substances is absolutely prohibited.
- ☺ Respect the things I use and the property of places I visit. The areas used for all events, including transportation, shall be left clean.
- ☺ Participate fully in ALL scheduled group activities and abide by additional group guidelines made during Annual Conference.
- ☺ Act appropriately with members of the opposite sex. This means no couples alone at any time, and no public displays of affection.
- ☺ Follow all instructions given by group leaders and chaperones without protest. (This does not mean an instruction may not be politely and discretely questioned if it seems unreasonable).
- ☺ Stay within the group or assigned sub-group at all times. I will not wander off alone or leave the activity site unless granted permission by an adult, and I will report for all designated check-in times.
- ☺ Hold safety in the highest regard and refrain from compromising my own safety or another's safety.
- ☺ Provide a trusting environment for my peers. When others share something about themselves in a group discussion, I will not repeat that information to other friends outside of the group.

Guidelines for Consequences:

Consequences will focus on restoring peace with reconciliation among the parties involved. The goal of resolving each problem will be growth and learning through repentance and forgiveness. Any problems encountered will be handled within the group and by the adult leaders to the extent that this is possible. However, should a situation persist or become uncontrollable, the parent/guardian will be contacted and informed of the problem. Should the situation be urgent, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately and will be responsible for picking up the youth from an event or providing for his/her transportation home.

Child/Youth and Parent/Guardian Signature:

In signing this covenant, I vow that I have read and understand these guidelines. I recognize that a covenant is a binding promise, and my signature is testimony that I agree to adhere to the provisions of this covenant.

Signature of Child/Youth _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____