HOPE Junior High Code of Conduct

All participants in any HOPE junior high activities must be current members of HOPE. As a participant in the HOPE junior high group, I understand and agree to the following:

- 1. <u>I will respect the rights and property of others</u>. Neither vandalism nor stealing will be tolerated. Financial costs for damage that results from my misbehavior or accidents will be the sole responsibility of me and my family. <u>Scripture</u>: "When a man or woman wrongs another in any way, and so is unfaithful to the Lord, that person is guilty and must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong...." Numbers 5:5-7
- 2. <u>I will respect adult leaders and other participants</u>. I will obey the instructions of the adult leaders. <u>Scripture</u>: "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority...." Hebrews 13:17
- 3. <u>I will be an encourager to others</u>. I will make an effort to be welcoming, include everyone, and avoid excluding anyone. Teasing, ridiculing, sarcasm, put downs and belittling of others is never allowed. Rude language and profanity will not be tolerated. <u>Scripture</u>: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 / "Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk from your lips." Proverbs 4:24
- 4. <u>I will act as a gentleman or lady and refrain from any physical misconduct</u>. <u>Scripture</u>: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1

The following behaviors are appropriate conduct:

- *One armed side hugs
- *Handshakes
- *Fist bumps
- *High fives and hand slapping
- *verbal praise
- 5. <u>I will behave in a safe and responsible way</u>. Horseplay, punching, slapping, kicking, punching, shoving, and pinching are never allowed. I will not possess anything that can be used as a weapon or that could endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property. <u>Scripture</u>: "Do not plot harm against your neighbor who lives trustfully near you." Proverbs 3:29
- 6. <u>I will dress appropriately</u>. Clothing has to cover undergarments and midriffs. Short shorts, bikinis, low cut tops, mini-skirts, muscle shirts, see through clothing, and sagging pants are not appropriate and will not be allowed. <u>Scripture</u>: "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency...." 1 Timothy 2:9
- 7. <u>I will report to the adult leader at the activity right away any problems or disagreements that cannot be solved immediately and peaceably by me or others involved.</u> <u>Scripture</u>: "Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice." Proverbs 13:10

I understand that if I do not abide by the Code of Conduct, my parents/guardians and I will be told right away. If my behavior does not change I will be asked to leave the event or activity. I understand that a second incident will result in not being allowed to attend any more junior high activities for this school year.

Youth Signature	Date	Printed Youth Signature	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date		