**ALYO – ASCENSION LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

Being a member of a guest of the ALYO requires a high standard of integrity, self-discipline, and teamwork. Our youth are not only representing Ascension Lutheran Church but also Christ and His mission. Please read our behavior expectations and consequences, then sign the attached behavior agreement form indicating your understanding and return it to the Ascension Lutheran Church Youth Director.

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

* Appropriate Christian behavior and dress is expected.
* Be considerate and respectful at all times to others and to property.
* FOCUS when getting instructions so you know when and where to be places, what to wear, etc.
* Be on time!
* Have a great attitude and the willingness to be flexible and participate in all activities.
* Please do not whine or complain, as it brings the whole group down.
* When traveling, seat belts must be worn at all times.
* Do not leave the group for any reasons without telling a CHAPERONE where you are going. Once we are in a place, as a group, do not venture outside unless planned that way.
* Take someone with you any time you must go somewhere.
* Obscene language and gestures will not be tolerated.
* Consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or drugs will not be tolerated.
* No electronic equipment (cell phones, ipods, etc.) unless approved by the Youth Director.
* Do not steal.
* No public displays of affection, i.e. holding hands, kissing, cuddling, etc.,
* Obey curfew/lights out.
* No guys in girls rooms and vice versa unless accompanied by a chaperone.
* Good manners are expected. Keywords to remember: PLEASE, THANK YOU, EXCUSE ME.

**CONSEQUENCES**

The following disciplinary measures will be taken if your behavior is out of line.

1. Adult gives verbal warning and assigns an extra chore.
2. Adult gives second verbal warning and youth makes a phone call to parents explaining the two warnings they have been given and what the parents will need to do if step three is reached.

If a serious infraction has occurred, i.e. disrespect toward an adult, leaving the group, aggressive physical attack on another person, continued disregard to the above behavior expectations, or any illegal behavior, the final consequence will be immediately enforced.

1. Dismissal from the group.

Parents will be responsible to IMMEDIATELY come and pick up their child, or make all arrangements and cover all costs incurred as a result of their child being sent home. Chaperones will not accompany a child home as a result of behavioral infractions.

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**BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT FORM**

**2015-2016**

PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read and discussed with my child the behavior expectations and consequences. I understand that if disciplinary action is taken that requires that my child be removed from an activity, I will be responsible for picking up my child or making all arrangements and covering all costs involved in getting my child home IMMEDIATELY. I further agree to fulfill my parental obligation to the ALYO by assisting with the chaperoning of at least one activity per year:

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**Parent Signature** **Date**

YOUTH AGREEMENT

I have discussed the behavior expectations and consequences with my parents. I understand and will abide by the behavior expectations and consequences when I am participating in activities with the ALYO.

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**Youth Signature**  **Date**