



EDGE Rules!

DURING *EDGE* NIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. I WILL RESPECT CHURCH PROPERTY, LEADERS, OTHER STUDENTS, AND MYSELF.

- a. I will listen while others are speaking.
- b. I will use positive words and a positive tone.
- c. I will leave church property alone.
- d. I understand this is a safe environment and will respect group discussions.
- e. I will keep cell phones or electronic devices out of sight and not in use during *EDGE*.

2. I WILL STAY ON TASK

- a. I will stay in my designated area.
- b. I will participate in group discussions and/or activities.
- c. I will stay focused on the material being covered during *EDGE* nights.

3. I WILL KEEP MY HANDS, FEET, AND MATERIALS TO MYSELF.

- a. I understand there will **NOT** be physical confrontations. (Fighting or play fighting. Wrestling. Smacking people on the back of the head. Tripping someone. Kicking someone, etc.)
- b. I will respect personal boundaries. This not a place for you to cuddle, tickle, hold hands, hang and hug all over each other, kissing, or being alone. Appropriate displays of affection include side hugs, handshakes, high fives, fist pumps, pats on the shoulder or back.
- c. I will take turns and be courteous towards others.

4. I WILL ABIDE BY DRESS CODE.

- a. Modesty is of supreme importance and I will consider my outfit prior to attending *EDGE*.
- b. Clothes with inappropriate messages or images are not permitted.
- c. When in doubt, don't wear it.

5. I WILL ARRIVE TO *EDGE* Night ON TIME.

- a. I understand *EDGE* begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
- b. I will be picked up promptly at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Failure to follow these rules MAY RESULT IN:

- a. Receiving a time out during an *EDGE* session.
- b. parent phone call and/or sent home for the evening.
- c. removal from the program.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR AT *EDGE*

1. **VERBAL WARNING:** A verbal warning from the Core group member will be given to the middle school youngster.

****The severity of the behavior problem may require that this step be bypassed and the next step applied. Parents will be notified by Youth Minister and advised of the situation regarding child.**

2. **TIME OUT:** If the behavior continues, the Core group member will call the middle school youth minister, and the youth will be timed out of the group. They will then discuss the situation with a Core member who is designated and trained to work with middle school youth. This Core member can sit and talk with the student one-on-one about their actions; allowing the pre-adolescent to reflect on their conduct, and they will give the student some strategies to improve their behavior. This interaction may allow the young person to talk about issues he/she may be dealing with, as well as have a caring adult help them and provide additional support if necessary.

3. **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IS SENT HOME:** If the inappropriate behavior persists, the middle school parent/guardian will be called and the parent/guardian will be requested to pick up their child. A conference between the parent, child, and Middle School Youth Minister will take place to discuss and resolve the conflict and at that time will be determined when the youth may return to *EDGE*.

My signature indicates that I agree to serve faithfully and to comply with and adhere to the policies and procedures outlined in this handout.

Middle School Youth's Signature

Date

I have read and discussed the rules for EDGE with my middle school youth.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date