



New York National Guard Teen Council Code of Conduct



To ensure that the New York National Guard Youth Program is a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants, it is necessary to establish and enforce high standards of behavior. Please read the following information and sign below.

I, a member of the New York National Guard Teen Council, will uphold the following conduct and behavior standards:

- I will be courteous and respectful towards others.
- I agree to value and respect others' ideas regardless of whether they are the same as my own.
- I agree to respect authority and comply with the requests of the facilitators, State Family Programs Director, State Youth Coordinator(s), Adult Youth Volunteers, chaperones, event personnel, and National Guardsmen while attending events.
- I will take full responsibility for any damage to personal or public property due to my actions.
- I will actively participate in all sessions and activities.
- I will conduct myself in a professional manner at all times.
- I will dress appropriately at all times. The State Youth Coordinator(s) reserve the right to assess the meaning of appropriate. **See Dress Code**
- I will be in my room at the prescribed curfew time at night unless scheduled activities extend beyond this time, if applicable.
- I will not use any alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs or engage in any behavior of a sexual nature at any time during the training.
- I understand that I will forfeit my position as a Teen Council member for any misconduct or repeated behavior and be required to leave.

As a representative of the New York National Guard Youth Program, I represent not only myself, but the National Guard teens throughout the world and I pledge to uphold this commitment. I understand that if I am not able to remain in good standing during training weekends and with the commitments set forth above, I will be asked to leave.

Teen Representative Signature

Date

I have witnessed the pledge made by my son/daughter and will support him/her in carrying out the Youth Program member duties. I understand that if my son/daughter breaks any of the commitments stated in this code of conduct they will be dismissed from the program.

Parent Signature

Date

Dress Code

- Hair must be neat, clean and worn in a manner which does not interfere with vision or cause a disturbance.
- No article of clothing that pertains to or depicts the following will be acceptable.
 - Substances or activities illegal by law for minors; alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling
 - Profane, suggestive or violent language
 - Derogatory symbols; remarks directed to any ethnic group
- Sufficient underclothes must be worn appropriately and must not be exposed.
- Tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, t-straps, tops that expose the mid-rift, bust, excessive parts of the back, are excessively tight or distracting are not permitted.
- No spandex articles of clothing are allowed.
- All pants must be worn fitted at the waist with or without a belt.
- No visible tattoos or piercing.
- Hats, caps, or other head coverings are not to be worn while inside. They are permitted for off-site activities.
- Decent jeans (no holes, stains, sagging) or khakis and a collared shirt (polo, blouse, button-down) are allowed.
- Shorts and skirts are appropriate but must be no shorter than six inches above the knee.
- No flip-flops or sandals are allowed. Closed toes shoes and/or sneakers are appropriate footwear.

The State Family Program Director or Youth Coordinator(s) reserve the right to determine the meaning of appropriate.