

## Young Neighbors in Action Code of Behavior

We are happy and excited that you are joining us as part of *Young Neighbors in Action*. The *Code of Behavior* is a way of helping participants understand what is expected of them during the week, and of making the service-learning experience a healthy one for all involved. Please read through the *Code* carefully, as you will be expected to honor and uphold it throughout your time with us.

- ◆ As necessary as rules are to maintain order, they can't and won't guarantee a successful *Young Neighbors* experience. Success depends on people's willingness to work together for the common good.
- ◆ Participants take part in *Young Neighbors* as part of a parish or school team. The adult leader of each team maintains primary responsibility for the actions of his or her team members. The sponsoring parish or school, and the families of team members assume responsibility for any damage done to the housing or work facilities.
- ◆ While away from the housing facility, youth participants must be accompanied at all times by an adult leader. Team members will travel to all program activities as a group.
- ◆ Participants are expected to attend all sessions unless explicitly excused by the Program Director. Name badges should be worn during all program activities.
- ◆ Dress throughout the *Young Neighbors* experience is casual; however shirts and shoes must be worn at all sessions and meals.
- ◆ Socializing should take place only in the designated public areas of the housing facility. No visiting is allowed in sleeping areas occupied by the opposite sex without the presence of an adult leader and the permission of the Program Director.
- ◆ Each day will be a busy one – making adequate sleep a necessity. Participants must be in their respective rooms by curfew time. The noise level in the sleeping areas should be kept at a minimum. Scheduled quiet and silent times must be honored. Only the Program Director can alter curfew times or the timing of any other scheduled activity.
- ◆ Smoking by participants, youth and adult, is discouraged. Youth participants may smoke only with an authorizing letter from their parent(s) or guardian. Smoking is not allowed during program activities and is subject to local legal restrictions and any guidelines established by the program facility.
- ◆ The purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs by participants will result in immediate dismissal from the program. Major infractions of the *Code of Behavior* will meet with the same consequences.

**Parent or Guardian:** I agree that my child shall abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the *Young Neighbors in Action Code of Behavior*. I have reviewed it and discussed the *Code* with my child prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child fails to consistently abide by the *Code* or engages in a serious infraction of the *Code*, he or she may be immediately dismissed from the *Young Neighbors* program and sent home at my expense.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Participant:** I understand and agree to the *Young Neighbors in Action Code of Behavior*. I also understand that my parent(s) or guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from the program and that I will be sent home at my own or my parent's expense. (Your signature must appear below in order to participate in the *Young Neighbors in Action* program.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_