

The Austin Stone Community Church TeenRock Volunteer Covenant

Investing in the lives of teenagers is a great responsibility which is not to be taken lightly. Our desire is to see these students mature in their relationship with Jesus Christ and in turn, spread the love of Jesus Christ to their campuses.

TeenRock is a part of the Next Generation Ministry. The Next Generation Ministry is a combination of preschool, grade school and youth ministry working together to achieve one mission. We want to work in conjunction with one another to help build children's and teenagers faith. The Next Generation ministry exists to glorify God by supporting families in developing a generation who loves and follows Jesus Christ.

TeenRock exists to equip and empower students in their faith so that they may be shining examples of Jesus Christ. We believe that the best way to do that is in the context of a relationship with an adult who is passionate about Christ and models what the Bible teaches. As you initial beside each statement below you are agreeing with and pledging to uphold our values.

_____ I believe that the Bible is the ultimate source for truth and wisdom and that all scripture is inspired by God and applicable to everyday life.

_____ I pledge to continue to grow in my relationship with the Lord, realizing that I cannot effectively teach and lead others to Christ when I am not pursuing Him.

_____ Though none are perfect, I will strive to live a life that sets an example and a model for those around me. I will use discretion when talking about any of my past sins when talking to any minors.

_____ I pledge to uphold and abide by the statement of faith at The Austin Stone Community Church and honor the core values of the church.

_____ I am a partner at The Austin Stone Community Church or will actively pursue partnership with The Austin Stone Community Church and adhere to the Partnership commitments outlined by the Austin Stone Community Church.

_____ I will conduct myself with integrity and discretion in any dating relationship and will ensure that my relationship models godliness and is not a hindrance to the ministry.

_____ I will dress modestly and in an appropriate way for all ministry related functions, considering that I am an example for the students and realizing that I may be sitting on the floor or jumping around.

_____ I commit to praying for this ministry, realizing my dependence on the Lord and that though I am vessel he uses, I need to be in communication with him to be effective.

_____ I commit to studying or preparing whatever is needed prior to Sunday so that I may be more effective in my leading.

_____ I commit to abstaining from gossip or unwholesome speech.

_____ I pledge to fulfill my commitment of serving at TeenRock on Sundays. I understand that TeenRock leadership must be alerted of any absences ahead of time, in writing.

_____ If I lead a small group, I pledge to be involved in the small group every week.

_____ I realize that while I am serving in TeenRock, if I begin participating in any of the following activities I will be asked to step down from my position:

- Sexual relations outside of marriage
- Participating in a homosexual lifestyle
- Pursuing an affair outside of marriage
- Illegal or excessive use of drugs or alcohol

_____ I will interact with students only in ways that are appropriate and God-honoring. I will not pursue contact with a student of the opposite sex outside of TeenRock.

_____ I commit to be humble and teachable while serving in this ministry. I will live a life above reproach knowing that I am role model for these students, pointing them to Christ and not causing them to stumble.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

TeenRock Staff Signature _____ Date _____

TeenRock Leadership Covenant

Addendum:

As a TeenRock leader, I pledge to:

General:

- Uphold and abide to my Partnership Commitments at The Austin Stone Community Church
- Walk in integrity by being faithful with my time, in my preparation, in my stewardship, and in small things.
- Fulfill my ministry commitment
- Be on time.
- Communicate according to ministry policies about times I will be unavailable, understanding that a failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Driving Protocol:

- Only transport as many people as I have working seatbelts.
- Wear a seatbelt and require passengers to do the same.
- Adhere to the rules of the road

Student / Leader Relationships

- Avoid one-on-one interaction with students of the opposite sex
 - This includes car rides
 - This includes “excessive” phone calls, text messaging, and online networking / chatting (Facebook, MySpace, Instant Messenger etc)

Entertainment

- Use discretion with regards to film, television, music, video games, and other media choices, when students are involved.
 - R rated movies are prohibited (even if over the age of 17)
 - It is a good idea to obtain parental permission for movies rated PG-13 (even if over the age of 13)

Activities

- Avoid “hazing” style activities that highlight excess
- No animal brutality

Decorum

- Maintain a lifestyle that is above reproach
- Avoid coarse, offensive, or derogatory language (includes Facebook and MySpace profiles)
- Drinking
 - No alcohol consumption if under the age of 21
 - If over 21
 - No drunkenness
 - No drinking in the presence of students (includes lingering presence and odor).
 - No possession of alcohol at TeenRock sponsored events
 - Submit to the authority of TeenRock leadership in unique situations
- Tobacco
 - No tobacco consumption if under the age of 18
 - If over 18
 - No excessive use of tobacco
 - No smoking in the presence of students (includes lingering presence and odor)
 - No possession of tobacco products at TeenRock sponsored events
 - Submit to the authority of TeenRock leadership in unique situations
- Illegal Substances
 - No use or possession of any illegal substances or paraphernalia

Applicant Initial _____