

Civic Youth Orchestra, Inc.
CODE OF CONDUCT
2009 Labor Day Weekend Retreat

On occasion, members of the CYO may participate in activities that require travel, including overnight stays. During these travel opportunities, each member of the CYO is responsible for his/her actions and behavior. Each member is expected to strictly observe the following Code of Conduct established by the CYO and compiled after input from CYO members, staff, parents and board members. These rules are essential for the safety of the group, the right of each participant to benefit from and enjoy the travel opportunity, and the ability of the orchestra to perform up to its full capability. Violations of these rules may result in the offender being sent home at his or her family's own additional expense and/or expulsion from the orchestra.

GENERAL CONDUCT. The CYO is traveling as a group, not as individuals. Each member's conduct reflects upon the group as a whole, and on your family, city and state as well. It is imperative to respect host organizers and their properties. Because this Code of Conduct cannot detail every possible situation, we are counting on all participants to use common sense in avoiding situations and behavior that would put themselves or anyone else at risk.

FREE TIME. On occasion, there will be free time activities. During this free time, each member may participate in specified recreational activities on a purely voluntary basis. By undertaking any activity during free time, each member certifies that they are able to participate in that activity and that they are aware that such participation presents certain risks including the risk of personal injury. Each member who participates in any such activity is willing to assume responsibility for those risks.

DRUGS. The use of any illegal drugs will result in immediate expulsion from CYO and dismissal from the retreat. Students will be sent home at the parents' expense.

ALCOHOL. As you are aware, consumption of alcohol for individuals under the age of 21 is illegal. The parents of any student caught drinking will be contacted immediately and the student will be sent home at the parents' expense and/or expelled from the orchestra. The parents of any student suspected of drinking (alcohol on their breath, possession of alcohol and the like) will be contacted immediately and the student may be sent home at the parents' expense and may be expelled from the orchestra.

SMOKING. Smoking is illegal for anyone under the age of 18, which includes the majority of CYO members. Smoking is not permitted while at any CYO function, including trips, concerts and rehearsals and will not be tolerated.

CURFEW. Curfew and lights out times will be determined and announced by CYO staff and chaperones and must be observed.

ELECTRONICS. If you choose to bring a media storage device, you must only use it with headphones. Please note that CYO is not responsible for lost or stolen equipment and therefore does not encourage students to bring expensive equipment to retreat.

PROMPTNESS. The success of the retreat depends on the responsibility of each participant. In this regard, each member is expected to read and follow the itinerary carefully, arriving promptly at each designated activity. Please anticipate departure times by at least 15 minutes.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR. Any travel is intended as a musical and cultural enrichment experience. The success of the Labor Day Weekend Retreat depends in very large part on the responsible and mature conduct of the CYO members. Unacceptable behavior shall include any behavior which is dangerous, unlawful or disruptive to the purposes of the retreat, including, but not limited to, alcohol abuse, drug usage, disregard for the safety of himself/herself or the group, vandalism, etc.

PARENTAL INPUT. If there are any special concerns or matters of which you feel we should be aware, other than medical matters which you listed on your medical form, please indicate them below or address them in a private letter to Rebecca Washburn, General Manager. We will keep all such information in strictest confidence. Also, if desired, include a list of activities in which you do not wish your child to participate.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT. I PLEDGE TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.

CYO Member Printed Name: _____

CYO Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

CYO Parent(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____