Joyful Sound Expectations

The purpose of Joyful Sound is to make a difference for Christ by exalting the Savior through worship, evangelizing the lost, and equipping and encouraging believers in their faith. The team represents the Lord and the North Greenville University in all that they do.

Spiritual Life

➢ Daily Prayer and Bible Study
  Seeking the Lord daily is essential to knowing and doing the will of God. Team members must take responsibility to feed themselves daily from God’s Word.

➢ Church Attendance
  When not traveling, Joyful Sound members are expected to attend local church services.

➢ BSU Attendance
  - Team members must attend at least 75% of regular BSU meetings (3 out of 4).
  - Team leaders must attend at least 90% of regular BSU meetings (9 out of 10).

Personal Life

➢ Your Witness
  Be an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity (2 Tim 4:12). Others are watching you. Reach out to everyone on and off campus; avoid being a part of exclusive cliques.

➢ Academic Guidelines
  A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 is required at the end of each semester. If you fall below a 2.0 at the end of a semester, you will be placed on probation. If you remain below 2.0 at the end of the next semester you will be suspended. Grades must be a priority!

➢ Male/Female Relationships
  While Joyful Sound fully supports Christ-centered relationships that develop, team members must control the physical aspect of their relationships.
  - Public displays of affection must be avoided in all ministry settings and on campus to protect the reputations of the Lord, team members, and the ministry.
  - Never allow relationship problems to impact your ministry.
  - If two members of the same team are dating, they must be “just friends” when visiting a church or ministry setting.
  - It is generally best if your NGU love interest does not follow the group to events. Occasional visits are fine. Please check with the director before inviting your love interest along.

➢ Personal Property/Money
  Personal property or money is always your responsibility and yours alone. NGU cannot reimburse any losses.

➢ Major Things to Avoid
  - Smoking, drinking, chewing, dipping, back-biting, sexual misconduct, and bad attitudes are prohibited.
  - Team members should avoid dance halls (local or distant).
• Students must abide by the guidelines found in the current student handbook, *The Enlightener*, at all times.

- **Take Care of Yourself**
  - Don’t drink after someone who is sick.
  - Always dress in a way that is appropriate for the weather.

**Being a Team Player**

- **Be On Time**

- **Dealing with Problems**
  Team problems should *never* be evident at a church or anywhere else. Problems should be addressed promptly and in a Christ-like manner. When a misunderstanding develops:

  1) Pray and ask God to reveal how you have contributed to the problem.
  2) Repent of your contribution to the problem.
  3) Talk privately with the person with whom you have the problem.
  4) If you cannot find a workable solution, ask your team leader to help you.
  5) If you still have a problem, schedule a meeting with the director or manager of the team.

- **Accountability**
  All team members must abide by these guidelines at all times or face suspension from the group and forfeiture of their Joyful Sound scholarship.

- **Preparation (Pray, Plan, and Organize)**
  - Be ready!
  - Know your music.
  - Plan testimonies, introductions, invitations, games, etc., *before* you leave campus!

- **Rehearsals and Team Meetings**
  - *Are required:* plan to arrive early
  - It is your responsibility to know your schedule. Schedule changes will be passed along to you as soon as possible.
  - Be ready to work.

- **Leave Requests**
  - Leave requests must be completed and *approved before* missing any Joyful Sound ministry event, rehearsal, or team meeting.
  - In order for a request to be considered it must be *submitted a minimum of two weeks* in advance. Exceptions will be made only in the event of illness or other emergency.
  - **Do not make plans until the request has been approved.**
  - Alternate assignments will be made at the director’s discretion.
  - Leave request forms are available in Beth Ross’ office.

**Appearance**

- **Body Piercing**
  - Male team members are *prohibited* from wearing earrings on or off campus.
  - Female members are permitted to have pierced ears in moderation.
  - No other body piercing is allowed.
 ➢ **Hair**
  - Must be kept neat and in good taste at all times. The leadership reserves the right to require members to cut their hair and/or shave.
  - Males should avoid the use of hair dye products; females should avoid extreme colors which may distract or draw attention to themselves.
  - Team members must focus on drawing attention to Christ, not to themselves.

 ➢ **Dress**
  First impressions are important. Members should always look their best, remembering they represent the King of kings.
  - Joyful Sound provides ministry outfits. All performance clothing is to be worn only in Joyful Sound ministry settings.
  - Team members are responsible to keep pants/dresses/skirts pressed.
  - In some ministry settings ladies should wear skirts or dresses. Pants will be allowed on other occasions. Always check with the manager when in doubt about the appropriate dress.
  - “Casual” clothes are permitted on the road when provisions are made to change before arriving at the team’s destination. “Casual” clothes never include halter or tank tops.
  - Shorts may be worn only when the team is involved in recreation activities.
  - Socks and shoes are not optional.
  - Ripped or soiled clothing is not acceptable.
  - No hats are allowed inside anywhere.
  - Exercise good judgment and modesty at all times.

 **Joyful Sound Vehicles and NGU Resources**

 ➢ **Drivers**
  Drivers for Joyful Sound vehicles will be selected by the manager. Only those chosen will be given permission to drive school vehicles. Drivers must exercise extreme caution when operating Joyful Sound vehicles. Drivers are responsible for paying for any tickets they receive.

 ➢ **Vehicle Care**
  Joyful Sound vehicles are gifts from God. Always lock the vehicles. Trash and personal items must be removed from the vehicle every time you depart from it.

 ➢ **Credit Cards, Keys, and Cash**
  NGU credit cards, keys, and cash must be handled with extreme care. Return these items as soon as you return to the campus or the next time that the BSU office will be open. **Be sure to turn in all receipts!**

 ➢ **Sound Equipment**
  - The sound engineer is responsible for the maintenance and proper care of the sound equipment.
  - No other individual is to operate or adjust sound, unless authorized by the sound engineer, team leader, or director.
  - All members will be assigned various duties in setting up and taking down equipment.

 **In the Church or Ministry Setting**

 ➢ **Never “Attack” the Building**
  When the team arrives, only those so directed will enter the building. The remainder of the team will remain in the vehicles and await further instruction.
➢ **Cell Phone Use**
   Leave cell phones on the bus. Ringers should always be off in a church or ministry setting. Cell phones should be used only for emergencies after arriving at a ministry setting.

➢ **Respect Church Property**
   *Never* wrestle or throw things in the church.

➢ **Meals**
   - Remember ladies go first.
   - Eat what is put before you politely, even when it is not your favorite or you had it for lunch.
   - Refrain from “pigging out”!
   - Always thank the host/hostess for the meal. Meals must be attended by all members.
   - Always drop everything and eat when called by the host.

➢ **Promoting NGU**
   Teams make NGU admissions materials available for prospective. Be ready to talk with prospective students, their parents, about NGU. Ask interested junior, seniors, graduates, and transfers to fill out prospect cards. Turn these in to the manager upon return to the university.

➢ **Worship Response**
   - Handle applause and audience response with grace and humility, giving the glory to God. Grandstanding is not allowed.
   - Make eye contact with the crowd; it enhances communication.
   - Reflect the message of the music with your face.

➢ **In Homes**
   - Accommodations on the road are usually in homes. Arrangements are made in advance by the manager. Requests for other arrangements must be made at least two weeks before the event date.
   - Respect your hosts. Avoid long boyfriend/girlfriend conversations.
   - Get your rest! Some hosts may want to stay up late. Politely excuse yourself and head to bed.
   - Leave every area of the home cleaner than you found it. Clean up hair, nails, toothpaste, shaving cream, etc. in the bathrooms.
   - Make up the bed before you leave.
   - Make plans for the next morning with your host before going to bed. You should discuss breakfast time and leaving time prior to retiring.
   - Carry an alarm clock. Inform your host as to the time you need to wake up, but do not depend on them alone to be your alarm clock.
   - Always bring luggage and belongings with you back to the church.
   - *Always* leave a thank you note for your host. Your team leader will have NGU note cards for this purpose.

All standards apply on and off campus. Violation of any of the above may result in temporary or permanent suspension from the group.

I have read and understand the Joyful Sound expectations. I agree to use these expectations as a guideline for my personal conduct while serving in this ministry.

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Print Name __________________________________________
Signature ____________________________ Date __________________________