

YOUTH

MINISTRIES

CE **CUTTING EDGE**
YOUTH CENTER

Who are we? What are we about?

If you are new to Youth Ministries WELCOME!

If you have been with us for a while, we are glad to have you!

Youth Ministries are for 7-12th graders.

Mission Statement: In Youth Ministries, God's love drives us to partner with parents to love 7-12th graders, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus, connecting them with His Church and each other, equipping them to treasure God and love and serve others, and involving them in ministry, so that they will be true disciples of Jesus Christ, living God's purpose for their lives: to glorify God by enjoying Him forever!

Parents, we are blessed to partner with you! Thank you!

We want to ensure that your teen's time at the Cutting Edge Youth Center is safe for them, and that you as a parent feel comfortable leaving your child in our care. If, at any time, you would like to look at the Sign In Log or would like to talk to me about a question or concern, please let me know. Thank you for allowing your child to be part of CEYC Ministries!

If you are looking to be involved in your child's ministry, there are opportunities available. Please see my contact information below—we greatly enjoy partnering with parents to further the mission of FBC and the youth center.

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Sunday Mornings at FBC

In order to worship our God together and to grow as a follower of Jesus, church should be foundational to every Christian. Please join us along with your family each week at FBC for Sunday morning services and age appropriate Sunday School at First Baptist Church, 751 Grace Way, Medford.

Sunday Service Times:

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

7-12th grade Sunday School

September - May

9:45-10:30 AM Room 117

(Sunday school is available at FBC during this time for all ages—nursery through adult)

Wednesday Nights at the CEYC

September - May

3:30-5:00 - After School @ the CEYC for 7-8th Grade

The CEYC will be open each Wednesday night during this time for 7-8th graders to join in free activities & facilitated games, sports, activities, arts & crafts, & stem.

5:00-6:00 Grub Crew

Teens are invited to join us for a free supper. 7-8th graders are served at 5:00 PM and 9-12th graders at 5:30 PM. This meal is provided free of charge by FBC volunteers.

6:00-8:00 Youth Group (Summer youth group and events vary each year.)

After a time in God's word and God-glorifying worship, teens spend time together and in small groups digging into God's Word finding out who He is (Ephesians 3:14-19) and the great love He has for us which is evident through his sacrifice of His Son Jesus for us. (Romans 5:8)

8:00-9:00 Open Time for 9-12th Grade

9-12th Grade teens are welcome to enjoy our basketball/volleyball courts, as well as our media and game rooms.

Youth Events

Events such as bowling, paintballing, rock climbing, canoeing, concerts, etc are planned and promoted throughout the year. Most summers a mission trip is planned—a special opportunity that is announced each fall for high school students that would like to apply. We desire to provide opportunities for teens to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus. Throughout the year, we provide ministry activities that will emphasize service in the church and in the community. If you would like more information, stop by the Cutting Edge Youth Center on Wednesdays visit fbcmedford.com/events.

Standards for Youth Ministry 3/3/2022

At the CEYC One of the ways we love students is by drawing healthy boundaries for them at the CEYC and encouraging them to live this way at all times. This shows students love and helps them in at least 3 ways: 1) creating a healthy environment for everyone (students, neighbors, leaders, and other community members), 2) teaching students to respect authority, and 3) showing them that their decisions have consequences.

We will continue to use the Respects (God, Yourself, Leaders, Others, Property) with students as a way to explain our general CEYC policies, but students, parents and leaders are expected to know and abide by these rules while on CEYC property or while attending any Youth Ministry Event.

Standards: At the CEYC, we encourage...

- 1) Respectful language.** Inappropriate language (swearing, sexual comments, etc) is not permitted verbally or on electronic devices. Rather than communicating in a way that is bitter, angry, or hurtful, we look to communicate the truth in love towards each other—desiring teens and leaders to speak encouraging, kind, and truthful words.
- 2) Respect toward parents.** Disrespect includes talking badly about parents, encouraging others to disrespect their parents, and demonstrating disrespect to them on CEYC property.
- 3) Respect toward leaders.** Disrespect includes talking back, walking away, disregarding direct commands, or the use of electronic devices during Youth Group and Sunday School time.(The CEYC leaders ask students not to use electronics during Youth Group and Sunday School)
- 4) Respect toward neighbors and community members.** Disrespect includes talking back, walking away, disregarding a neighbor's request, and disregarding their property lines. If necessary, an apology to that neighbor or community member in question may be needed before a student will be allowed back in the CEYC. Respecting our neighbors and community members is a vital part of our desire to love God and love others.
- 5) Respect toward others.** Disrespect includes anything done verbally, physically and electronically: teasing in a way that hurts them, talking poorly about anyone else, interrupting others when in discussion, play fighting and wrestling, intentionally harming someone, (intentionally physically harming someone else or attempting to will not receive a warning and will result in a call to parents, immediate removal from the CEYC, and potentially a call to police) making any kind of sexual advance (verbally, electronically, or physically, this includes wanted or unwanted advances), inappropriate physical contact wanted or unwanted and looking at, taking or showing inappropriate pictures or videos. This includes long hugs or holding, lying on or cuddling, back rubs, kissing of any kind, and any other physical contact deemed inappropriate by CEYC leaders. We look to encourage teens to honor God, His plan for their lives, love others with respect as well as value themselves.
- 6) Respect toward CEYC property.** Disrespect includes standing or jumping on couches or chairs, standing or jumping on game tables, misusing game equipment, hanging on the rims, kicking anything except soccer and dodgeballs, spitting, or littering (consistent failure to clean up after oneself will be considered littering).
- 7) Respect toward others' property.** Disrespect includes taking something that is not yours without asking and going through other people's stuff.

Other things to note concerning electronics

- All CEYC Standards apply during transportation to and during all Youth Events off the premises.
- WIFI is not available to students at the CEYC; it's for leaders only.
- We comply with the electronics policy of any organization we partner with.
- We encourage students to be present and engage with each other during all Youth Ministry programmed activities so they don't miss out by engaging with technology.
- Electronics standards may change for events away from the CEYC and FBC, they will be evaluated and standards set by leadership, and will be clearly communicated with students if that is the case.

It is our policy not to allow anyone who has graduated from High School to be on CEYC property unless they are: 1) a leader, 2) a parent, 3) picking someone who is in 7-12th grade up, 4) other FBC coordinated ministries or 5) if it is the summer after they graduate (graduated seniors are encouraged to participate fully at the CEYC until school starts again the fall after they graduate).

CEYC Clothing Policy

- Shorts or skirts must be at least long enough so that when one stands with their hands at their sides, their fingers do not touch skin.
- Undergarments (bra, underwear, etc.) should be covered. Clothing worn that is consistently allowing underwear to be seen is inappropriate.
- Showing too much of the upper body (i.e. any cleavage or midriff, too much skin, spaghetti straps, etc.) for males as well as females, is not permissible at the youth center. Any shirts consistently allowing too much of the upper body to be seen are inappropriate.
- Shirts may be deemed inappropriate based on content (drugs, beer, etc.).
- Swimwear: Guys' swimsuits must be trunk-style; girls' suits are to be one piece or covering the midriff. (If the swimsuit does not cover, your child may be asked to wear a shirt over the top.)

Most importantly, followers of Jesus believe our bodies have been bought with a precious price, the death of our Christ. We desire to glorify God with the bodies he gave us.

If the clothing policy is consistently broken by the same student, other disciplinary action will be pursued at the discretion of the student ministries pastor.

Sign In and out Policy

The Property

The youth center has been blessed fantastic facilities! We hope that students will love the opportunities to play sports, relax, talk with friends, and eat some good food! Since there is significant property around the youth center building, students will be instructed by leaders in what parts of the property are permissible for them to use. We ask that every student be mindful of our neighbors and property and look to listen to leader's instructions.

The Reasoning Behind the Sign-In Policy

Why have a sign in policy at all? Great Question! The sign in policy has 3 entities in mind: students, parents and the CEYC. First, for students the policy allows CEYC youth leaders to better supervise and serve them by allowing us to know who is or has been at the CEYC on a given night. Furthermore, the sign in or check-in sheets could be used to protect students from false accusations. Second, for parents, the sign in and check-in sheets allow them to easily check up on their child to know if their child was at the CEYC. It also facilitates communication and allows for easy cooperation between parents and CEYC youth ministers. Finally, for the CEYC, this policy is helpful for tracking student attendance, facilitating open communication with parents, learning and remembering students' names, knowing for whom we are responsible, and in a variety of other ways.

The Policy

Students must sign in when they come onto CEYC property and sign out before leaving CEYC property. Both sign in and sign out must be accompanied by times. Students must always be signed in when they are on CEYC property and signed out when they are off CEYC property.

The CEYC is not responsible for students or their behavior when they are off CEYC property.

The consequences will be as follows for all standards that are broken (unless specified):

- One warning per day, and if applicable, an apology to those involved in the incident. It is our desire to promote healthy relationships with all those at the CEYC.
- A second similar offense on the same day will result in a phone call home and/or the option of immediate removal from the CEYC for the rest of that day.
- A student's third warning of the day will result in a phone call home and the option of immediate removal from the CEYC.
- If breaking a particular standard becomes a persistent problem, a suspension from the CEYC may be extended, and/or other consequences may be explored.
- All of our CEYC leaders will strive to work through situations with students. It is our desire to walk alongside them, encouraging all of our students and leaders to reflect love and grace in their thoughts, words, and actions.