

North Cross Youth Computer and Internet Use Rules

The North Cross Youth Department now provides a computer and internet service to youth and youth families. The rules are intended to provide general guidelines and examples of prohibited uses, but do not attempt to state all required and prohibited activities by users. ***The youth director and all other North Cross staff members have the right to define inappropriate use, and their decision is final.*** The computer use is a privilege, not a right. At this time, youth and family members will have access to their xanga sites and personal email accounts in addition to the worldwide web. However, this privilege is based on the user's ability to adhere to the following appropriate use policy. Unacceptable use/activity may result in the suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as the removal of the computer from the youth room.

Acceptable Use

1. The same rules and expectations as noted in the youth covenant apply to the use of the computer and internet.
2. Youth and family members are expected to comply with the rules and all specific instructions from the youth director or other North Cross staff member.
3. All network communication must be polite, kind, and free from profane or other inappropriate language.
4. If a user is uncertain about inappropriate use not covered in the statement of this policy or has questions regarding the use of the computer, it is the user's responsibility to first contact the youth director. If the youth director is not available, then the user should contact another North Cross staff member.
5. Under no circumstances are youth or family members permitted to delete, alter, or in any way modify computer hardware or system configurations.

Prohibited Use

1. Accessing Inappropriate Materials; accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal.
2. Illegal Activities; Using the church's computers, networks, and internet services for any illegal activity or activity that violates youth or church policies or procedures.
3. Violating copyrights; copying or downloading copyright materials.
4. Copying software; copying or downloading software without the express permission of the youth director or North Cross staff member.
5. Malicious Use/Vandalism; any malicious use, disruption, or harm to the church's computers, networks, and Internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses.
6. Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms/News Groups; accessing chat rooms or news groups without specific authorization from the youth director or North Cross staff member.
7. Unauthorized System Login; Attempts to login to system administrator or any other user. (***Inappropriate logins will result in permanent cancellation of user's privileges and possible removal of the computer from the youth room***)

No Expectation of Privacy

1. The church retains control, custody, and supervision of all computers, networks, and internet services owned or leased by the church. The church reserves the right to monitor all computer and internet activity by the youth or family members. Youth and family members have not expectation of privacy in their use of the church's computers.

I understand and have read the policies and terms of use of North Cross' computer. I understand that the use of this computer is a privilege not a right. I further realize that my privilege may be revoked at the discretion of the youth director or North Cross staff member based on abuse of my computer privileges. At that time, my parent or guardian may also be asked to confer with the youth director and/or North Cross staff.

Youth Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____