



Serving Morrisville's Youth With A Firm Foundation



Dear Parents,

Hello. Thank you for bringing your teens and pre-teens to the Solid Rock Youth Center!

The Solid Rock Youth Center exists to give your teens and pre-teens (Grades 6-12) a safe and fun environment to pursue recreational, educational, and spiritual development, allowing them to build character and leadership skills based on Christian morals and values. Our core values are respect, compassion, integrity, a servant's heart, and an unconditional positive attitude. These are the values that we expect our staff to have and those that we hope to instill in the students.

The SRYC's current hours are from 6 until 9 PM every Friday and Saturday. We also offer a 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter night when we have home football games. On these nights, the youth center opens at 9:30 and closes at 10:30 PM. We offer many activities for the students, including: reading, pool, air hockey, band equipment, computers, and an event every night. We are proud to offer several events that we invite your whole family to attend, many of which feature the work of our students, such as the Music and Art Festivals! If you are interested in Shotokan Karate, please call for more information!

The very best way to keep up on our events is by joining our Facebook page, which is [www.facebook.com/solidrockyouthcenter](http://www.facebook.com/solidrockyouthcenter) or following us on Twitter at SRYCextreme. We also send out a quarterly newsletter for Parents, called *In The Know*, and a cultural newsletter, called *Real Life*. Both of these are to help parents to know not only what is happening inside our youth center, but also what is going on in your teen's life as they interact with pop culture. We also have a cultural Facebook page just for parents at [facebook.com/SRYCRealLife](http://facebook.com/SRYCRealLife).

We have set up several safety measures. The first is the attached rule guide. We would ask that you read it and that you and your teen(s) fill out the attached portion and bring it back. In addition, we will be signing in and signing out your teen each time they come to the center. You are also welcome to call the youth center at any time. The number is 215-736-1093.

We also wanted to let you know about an exciting opportunity. We are raising funds now for an amazing opportunity to build our own building in a vacant lot across the street from our old location. This would be a fully functioning community center for all of Morrisville, not just the youth. More information is available for what will be included in the community center and how you can help by contacting the Executive Director. Meanwhile, come visit us at our interim location at 150 Harrison Avenue!

We are looking forward to interacting with you and your teen at the youth center!

Thank you,  
The Solid Rock Youth Center Staff  
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# Solid Rock Youth Center Behavior Policies for Youth

## **Respect Staff:**

Patrons are required to follow all directions given by supervisory staff the first time.

## **Respect Each Other:**

Roughhousing, yelling, play fighting, wrestling, running (except where designated), impolite behaviors are not acceptable. If you and a significant other attend, no PDA (public displays of affection). Be courteous, reasonable, honest, respectful, and helpful to others, not **sexist, racist, or discriminatory**.

## **Rules:**

1. All teens must check-in at door and check out when leaving. No one may attend the Youth Center without a permission slip, rules and acceptance form, and signed liability release form on file.
2. Teens are expected to use appropriate and non-offensive language. This includes using OMG or other forms of taking God's name in vain.
3. NO possession, use, or dealing of cigarettes, tobacco, drugs and/or alcohol on site or anything resembling a weapon. You may not enter the Center if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Persons suspected of having them will be searched. They will be confiscated and not returned, furthermore the police will be called.
4. Treat other teens and adults' belongings with respect.
5. The Youth Center is NOT responsible for personal items.
6. Always clean up after yourself when your activity is finished:
7. Throw away waste in the proper trash or recycle containers.
8. All games inside and outside will be shared. You must sign in to play with video games.
9. Use the Center phone only with permission of a staff member or for an emergency.
10. Clothing must be modest and may not have offensive advertising or inappropriate language. NO gang symbols or related clothing are allowed. Follow the Youth Center's rules for respect and family morals and values when choosing the clothes you'll wear at the Youth Center.
11. All individuals must leave the facility and parking lot at the scheduled closing time.
12. Have a GREAT time!

## **If You Have a Problem:**

If you have questions or need help, please ask us! Let an adult leader know if you are depressed, feeling suicidal, or even if you just need to talk. If you know that someone is in trouble, let a counselor know so that they can help. Above all, use integrity, by respecting others' privacy. Gossip and dishonesty destroy our community.

## **Consequences:**

Disciplinary action will be left to the discretion of the SRYC Staff. Violation of a suspension may result in criminal trespass charges being levied against the suspended patron. All discipline actions will be recorded.

1. **FIRST TIME A RULE IS BROKEN:** Verbal warning by director or other staff that any further infraction could necessitate a term of suspension decided upon by the Director. Warnings are received for any minor, inappropriate behavior within this Youth Center. May be asked to leave for the day.

2. **SECOND INFRACTION:** Parents/Guardians will be notified of the infraction either verbally or written with 1 week suspension.
3. **THIRD INFRACTION:** Suspension for thirty days from time of the offense. This will be recorded and a written explanation will be sent by certified mail to the parent(s).
4. **FINAL INFRACTION:** After the fourth offense the teen will be expelled from the Youth Center for 180 days. This will be recorded and a written explanation will be sent by certified mail to the parent(s) and a meeting with the Director, supervisors, parents and individual will be held.

If an individual deliberately broke any equipment, that individual will pay for it at replacement cost.

Both parent/guardian and student must sign this agreement and return it to the director at the Center in order for the student to attend the Center. If you are asked to leave the Center for any reason, you must have written parental permission to return when the consequence you earned has ended.

**Permissions Photography and Video:**

We take pictures, video, and audio at the youth center to post on our facebook page and use in our different materials. Entrance to the youth center constitutes acceptance of this policy. If your likeness cannot be used, please inform the staff upon arrival each time.

\*\*\*Cut Off and Return All Following Paperwork\*\*\*\*\*

I agree to follow the terms listed above. I understand the consequences that will happen should I (my child) fail to respect the staff, or others at the facility, and to follow the rules. Returning to the youth center constitutes agreement to the rules and permissions policy without returning this paper.

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| Parent/Guardian Printed Name | Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |
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| Address | Youth Email | Youth Email |
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| Parent's Email | Parent's Cell Phone # |
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Please add me (the parent) to the Parent and Cultural Newsletter Distribution list!

In consideration of being allowed to participate at the SOLID ROCK YOUTH CENTER, I the undersigned, agree to the following:

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY.** I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue The Solid Rock Youth Center (herby SRYC), its governing board, employees, affiliates and volunteers for any and all liability, including any and all claims, demands, causes of action (known or unknown), suits, or judgments of any and every kind (including attorneys' fees), arising from any injury, property damage or death that I may suffer as a result of my participation in The SRYC.

**INDEMNITY.** I further agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify The SRYC, its governing board, employees, affiliates and volunteers from any and all liability and defense costs (including attorneys' fees and other expenses) arising from any and all claims, injuries, liabilities or damages relating in any way to my participation in The SRYC.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** I understand that there are inherent risks associated with participation in the SRYC, including the possibility of personal injury, property damage, permanent disability, or even death. Such risks include, but are not limited to, the risks associated with travel, sports, exercise equipment, and recreational activities. I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks of participating in the SRYC, both known and unknown, including those arising from the acts of other participants.

**MEDICAL CONSENT.** If I suffer any injury or illness, I consent to any medical treatment that the SRYC personnel deem appropriate and agree to pay for such treatment, to the extent not covered by insurance. I further understand and agree that the SRYC assumes no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such medical treatment.

**CHOICE OF LAW SEVERABILITY.** I hereby agree that this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. If any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby. Moreover, to the extent any release or waiver contained herein is not enforceable as written, I agree that it should be enforced to the greatest extent allowed by law.

I have read this agreement and understand its terms. I am aware that this agreement includes a release and waiver of liability, an assumption of risk, and an agreement to indemnify the SRYC. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this agreement, and I sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. Repeated attendance at the youth center after my first time, also constitutes my agreement. By my signature I represent that I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age or, if not, that I have secured below the signature of my parent or guardian as well as my own.

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Signature of Participant

Date

**Signature of Parent/Guardian for Participants under twenty-one (21) years of age.**

I certify that I have custody of Participant or I am the legal guardian of Participant by court order. I have read this agreement and fully understand its term. I am aware that this agreement includes a release and waiver of liability, an assumption of risk, and an agreement to indemnify the Participants. Repeated attendance at the youth center after their first time, also constitutes my agreement. I join with Participant in granting a release to Participants as set forth in detail above.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date