



# 18 SOUTH YOUTH CENTER

17 N. MAIN ST. RED LION, PA 17356

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ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 ARE WELCOME



## ABOUT 18 SOUTH YOUTH CENTER

18 South Youth Center, which is located on the first floor of 17 N. Main St. in the heart of Red Lion, offers a safe environment for teens in grades 7-12. There is no cost to attend. The center is staffed by caring, responsible adults from local churches who desire to invest in the lives of Red Lion's youth. 18 South Youth Ministries, Inc. is a nonprofit, for-impact organization that strives to build authentic relationships with youth within our community; encourage students to grow socially, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually; and influence the youth of our communities with the Love of Jesus Christ. A variety of activities, events, parties, trips, community service opportunities, life skills coaching, and spiritual formation are offered on a regular basis. All students are welcome.

*Stay up to date by signing up to receive our free text alerts by texting "@18south" to 81010.*

## CODE OF CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

18 South Youth Center expects that all students, volunteers, and staff adhere to our code of conduct and expectations while participating in 18 South programming. If a student violates the code of conduct or expectations of 18 South, in most cases, they will first be given a formal warning. If the violation continues the student will face disciplinary action determined by the staff of 18 South. Fighting, drug use, or distribution of controlled substances/paraphernalia will result in immediate removal of the offender from the Center and followed up with further disciplinary actions. Parents will be notified of any disciplinary action taken by the Youth Center.

The Youth Center is equipped with video and audio recording cameras for safety and surveillance purposes. Students will face similar consequences if their offense is caught after the fact on video.

Staff and volunteers of 18 South Youth Center are Mandated Reporters. If illegal actions occur or if we witness or are told a minor's safety is being threatened, we are obligated by law to report it to authorities.

- 18 South strives to provide a safe space and welcoming environment to all students. Students who, in any way, make the Center an unsafe or unwelcoming place for others will be in violation of this code of conduct and will face disciplinary actions determined by the staff.
- 18 South Youth Center is a public facility and has an *Open Door Policy*. Meaning, students are permitted to come and go as they please. If a parent wishes their student to remain at the Center during operating hours, it is their responsibility to communicate that to their student. While students are permitted to leave the center, we ask that if they exit the building, they do not remain on Youth Center property, including the back parking lot, the front sidewalks, and the side of the building. We also ask, out of respect for our neighbors, that they do not loiter in the bank parking lot.
- There is to be no use or consumption of tobacco or vaping on Youth Center property or during programming hours. This includes inside and outside of the Center, its vehicles, or during 18 South sanctioned offsite events.
- There is to be no use, consumption of, or possession of any alcohol, drugs, or related products and paraphernalia on Youth Center property or during programming hours. This includes inside and outside of the Center, its vehicles, or during 18 South sanctioned offsite events.
- There is a zero-tolerance policy with dealing, selling, or distributing tobacco, drugs and vaping substances and/or paraphernalia. Students who are found dealing, selling, or distributing any

of these products will be removed from the center immediately and will face further disciplinary action determined by staff.

- Weapons of any kind are not permitted inside the Youth Center or during 18 South sanctioned offsite events. Students carrying pocketknives may turn them into Youth Center Volunteers upon arrival and they will be returned to them upon exit.
- There is a zero-tolerance policy with fighting during Youth Center programming. Students who attack, assault, or intentionally cause harm to another student will be removed from the center immediately and will face further disciplinary action determined by staff.
- There is to be no use of explicit language during Youth Center programming.
- There is to be no bullying or hate speech of any kind during Youth Center programming.
- There is to be no inappropriate touching or other forms of inappropriate contact between any students, staff, or volunteers. Public displays of affection make others uncomfortable. We ask that students are respectful of this.
- Students are responsible for and expected to clean up after themselves. Trash, recycling, and cleaning supplies are readily available throughout the Center.
- Food provided by or purchased at 18 South Youth Center is not permitted to be taken outside of the Center.
- Be respectful to staff, volunteers, others at the center, youth center property, and community neighbors. Your behavior outside the center reflects on 18 South and its public reputation.

By signing you below, you, the **student**, acknowledge that you have read and understand the Code of Conduct and Expectations of 18 South Youth Center and agree to be held to these standards and accept the consequences of your actions.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Print Full Name

By signing you below, you, the **parent/guardian**, acknowledge that you have read and understand the Code of Conduct and Expectations of 18 South Youth Center and have discussed the importance of abiding by them with your child.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Print Full Name



**SECOND CONTACT**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City/State Zip Code

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Communication:      Email      Phone Call      Text Message

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Is 18 South Youth Center authorized to approve medical treatment?      Yes      No

Allergies or Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PHOTO RELEASE:** Is 18 South Youth Center authorized to take and use pictures of your child for publicity purposes, including but not limited to Social Media, Promotional Materials, etc?

Yes      No

**VIDEO RELEASE:** Is 18 South Youth Center authorized to take and use videos of your child for publicity purposes, including but not limited to Social Media, Promotional Videos, etc?

Yes      No

**TRANSPORTATION RELEASE:** I consent to allow my child to ride 18 South provided transportation to and from any 18 South Youth Center sanctioned event or activity. This serves as a blanket release and consent for all events, now and in the future.

Yes      No