

The Summer Stretch System!

We like to keep rules pretty general and to a minimum: for example, “respect yourself and each other,” “thank your parent driver every time,” “clean up after yourself,” “participate.” But there are a few things we’ve found need to be put into a little more detail. Here is “The 2011 System”, complete with changes/additions for this year.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Policy? “Away for the Day” Cell phones, iPods, etc., should not be used during Summer Stretch. Most devices are best left at home. However, we understand many reasons why parents might want their child to have their phone with them. If this is the case, please give your child’s phone number to one of the coordinators. A phone number sheet will be kept with the emergency contact information folder during Summer Stretch. Phones should NOT be used during Summer Stretch days except in an emergency with the permission of a coordinator. *Summer Stretch will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.*

Why? These devices take you away from the group. Summer stretch days are about being present to the people you are spending the day with “being church.”

What happens? Devices may be confiscated by coordinators and returned to parents.

Clothing – Swimming Suits

Policy? Modest swimwear is required. For girls, a one-piece swimsuit or a “tankini” suit that covers the midriff. If a bikini is your child’s only option, a dark-colored tank top may be worn over it.

Why? Immodest clothing distracts everybody. The focus moves from what we’re doing to how we’re dressed.

What happens? Leaders sigh and get annoyed because they have to waste time finding a t-shirt for a cover-up. The participant gets annoyed because they-think-the-rule-is-unfair-and-they-don’t-have-a-t-shirt-and-they-don’t-want-to-wear-someone-else’s-ew-ick.

Clothing – When Not in a Swimming Suit

Policy? Everyone wears a Summer Stretch t-shirt (not cut up) with their name on it. Extra shirts are available to borrow for the day. *Closed toed shoes* are expected on everyone, every day. Bring flip flops along to change into for the afternoon, if you’d like. *Finger-tipped length shorts* for both girls and boys (or pants). *Hats* (boys) must be removed in church.

Why? Most work sites require closed shoes for health and safety. Longer shorts are just that modesty thing again – respecting yourself and others.

What happens? There are some very used tennis shoes in the summer stretch collection to borrow. Leaders will remind participants and contact parents if clothing is not reasonably modest.

Being Good Guests

Policy? Clean up after yourself and others. Be courteous. Think about using a reusable water-bottle.

Why? In every church, act like a guest invited into God’s house. Oh, wait... we kind of are. When we go out to work sites or to fellowship activities, we are representing our churches and outsiders will judge the whole church by what they see in you. We are guests on the earth, too – be good stewards and bring a reusable bottle if you can!