

# Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz

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## Moral Standard Agreement

Youth With A Mission Santa Cruz is a training center for Christians who are committed to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-19), which includes living a godly life worthy of example. Your time here will be enjoyable, rewarding and challenging. We are committed to helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus and we look forward to your being here. However, being a disciple of Jesus includes taking responsibility for your life and conduct. Please read the following carefully:

As we read the Bible, there are guidelines for those conducts that are “absolute,” such as the Ten Commandments. However, there are areas that are not so clearly defined, and this is where we run into “cultural sins” such as Paul describes in Romans 14. These are situations relative to the way we have individually been taught, which may or may not be considered as a sin to others. We know that only God can judge the heart; but depending on the ways in which we were raised and what our parents, pastors, and other authority figures taught us, these issues can often be quite sensitive.

Approximately 90% of the evangelical community of the world (Africa, Asia, and the Americas) considers alcoholic drinks, tobacco products and marijuana use totally off limits. Often in these contexts, alcohol and tobacco use is viewed as a sign that someone either does not know God or is turning away from Him. God has blessed YWAM with training bases that draw in and send out “internationals,” so it is important that as a family we understand and honor one another in our conversation and actions.

While you are here in Santa Cruz and on outreach, we ask you to take the most conservative view in order not to stumble the largest percent of believers internationally. Whatever your personal conviction may be, we ask that you refrain from drinking alcohol and using tobacco or marijuana products during your school. This is not meant to be legalistic, but to live by the law of love.

Therefore, if you do have a dependency on alcohol, marijuana or tobacco products we would ask that you use the remainder of your time before your time with YWAM Santa Cruz to quit.

The DTS is a time for students to prioritize their relationship with Jesus. We ask that students refrain from any sexual activity outside of marriage during this season. Sexual activity outside of marriage are grounds for dismissal from the Discipleship Training School.

During the period as a student at YWAM Santa Cruz , I will maintain the highest moral standards and maintain a clear personal witness through proper conduct. I will not drink alcoholic beverages, use any form of marijuana or use any type of tobacco product or illegal drugs.

I agree to abstain from sexual conduct outside of marriage during my time with YWAM Santa Cruz.

I have read and agree with all of the above. I understand that if I do not abide by these conditions of the signed covenant, I may be asked to leave.

Student name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_