

Guidelines and Principles for All BTH Residents

1. BTH is a Christian discipleship program based on Biblical teaching and Christ centered behavior. **Daily living and religious practices will only be from a traditional Christian perspective (The Baptist Faith and Message is the doctrinal guideline).**
2. All assignments or chores will be completed on time, and all meetings, classes, and outside activities will be attended on time unless prior permission is obtained. Church attendance as a group is mandatory.
3. Each woman is responsible for her own attitude and behavior at all times. Courtesy, kindness, and respect will always be exhibited. Cursing, yelling, or inappropriate gestures are not acceptable. Dress will always be modest and subject to staff approval. Unity among the residents is the goal.
4. Possession or use on or off campus of alcohol, drugs, weapons, tobacco, e-cigarettes, or any other mind-altering substance is prohibited. Substance/drug tests are given randomly and frequently. Sexual activity on or off campus is prohibited. Theft and fighting are prohibited. Leaving the grounds of BTH without prior permission is prohibited. These activities will not be tolerated. If necessary, the appropriate law enforcement/parole/probation/program personnel will be notified and could result in immediate dismissal.
5. Possession by residents of telephones, computers, electronic media devices, knives, lighters, or weapons is prohibited.
6. All incoming and outgoing personal mail will be opened and screened by staff. Letters may be written to immediate family at any time.
7. In most cases, no calls will be made or received during the first month of residence. If you are exhibiting the right attitude and work ethic, you will have the privilege to have two 20-minute calls home each week after your first month at BTH. The use of any telephone on or off campus is a privilege and requires prior permission. In some cases, staff must be present when calls are made or received. Written and telephone communication is only allowed with immediate family (if approved in advance by BTH.) Immediate family means: parents, legal marriage spouse (biblically defined), children, and grandparents. Exceptions may be made as appropriate.
8. Computer usage at BTH or off campus is with prior permission only and then only approved programs or websites may be accessed. Browsing history is checked. **THERE WILL BE NO USE OF FACEBOOK OR ANY SOCIAL MEDIA BY COMPUTER, CELLPHONE OR ANY OTHER METHOD.**

9. Visitation is only with immediate family and only on the days and times allowed by BTH. Contact with any person may be prohibited or limited if circumstances warrant such limitation.
10. Residents are prohibited from asking volunteers for any favors, including contacting any person, use of telephones, mail, or asking for gifts or money.
11. Dismissal from BTH is at the discretion of the Directors.
12. Unless otherwise permitted, all residents will be in their cottage and in bed by 10 PM. Individual bedside lights may stay on as long as the resident desires unless it interferes with a roommate. Residents may not leave their cottage (except in an emergency or with prior permission) after 10 PM.
13. Failure to report a violation of these rules by any resident is the same as violating the rule and can result in dismissal.

I understand and agree and have received a copy of this: _____

Date: _____ Witness: _____

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