

RockSOLID Cyber Safety Policy

As we build **Character, Confidence, and Community** through the RockSOLID Community Youth Ministry, it is of utmost importance that we honor our God-given calling in working with families, youth, and volunteers to maintain the safety of every participant. With the technology-saturated world we live in, social networking, cell phones, and other tools can be both vital tools for ministry as well as pitfalls that lead to potential harm. Because of this, **we are implementing a new Cyber Safety Policy which will ensure the full awareness and consent of parents and guardians regarding the use of technology by our staff and volunteers to do ministry with students.**

Our volunteers and staff are a group of people who are carefully screened, supported, trained, and most importantly, dedicated and called to do ministry with teens. In order to be effective in the role of leading small groups and mentoring youth, they may use technology tools such as social networking (i.e. Facebook, MySpace, Twitter), cell phones, texting, instant messaging, and email. **However, if you have reservations about these tools being used for RockSOLID ministry, we will fully honor your wishes and ensure that all staff and volunteers are aware of this. Please fill out and detach the lower portion of this page, indicating whether or not you wish to limit the use of social networking and other technological tools for contacting your teen, and return it to Halifax United Methodist Church or the Halifax Youth Center.**

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your dedication to ensuring that your teen has the opportunity to grow in their faith in a safe and secure environment. We are honored to be serving your family for the glory of God!

RockSOLID Cyber Safety Consent Form

I give RockSOLID team members permission to use technological tools to contact my child

(check here)

...OR...

I wish to restrict these RockSOLID team members (check all that apply)

RockSOLID Staff

RockSOLID Volunteers

in using the following technology tools for contacting my child (check all that apply)

Cell Phones (calling and texting)

Email

Instant-messaging

Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc.)

Other: _____

(Parent Name)

(Parent Signature)

(Student Name/Names)