



DA BRANCHES

AY26-27 Youth Group Contract • Student Copy

"I am the vine; you are the branches... apart from me you can do nothing." — John 15:5



Welcome to Da Branches

We are glad you are here! Da Branches exists so that every middle and high school student will know the love of God, grow in consistent habits of abiding in Christ, and go as disciples who make disciples. These shared expectations help us create a safe, fun, and Christ-centered environment together.

Our Shared Expectations

These are not rigid rules—they are a picture of the culture we want to build together.

1. Language & Respect

We use words that build up. Cursing, bullying, teasing, or any language that is hurtful or discriminating has no place here. Every person is made in the image of God.

2. Physical Behavior & Safety

We keep our hands to ourselves in ways that honor others. Physical harassment, intimidation, fighting, or inappropriate displays of affection are not permitted.

3. Modest Attire

We dress in a way that honors God and one another. Clothing that is sexually suggestive, vulgar, or intentionally offensive is not appropriate. Leaders will address concerns gently and privately. Parents will be notified after the fact.

4. Substances & Weapons

Zero tolerance for alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, vapes, e-cigarettes, or weapons of any kind. Attending under the influence is grounds for immediate dismissal from that activity.

5. Biblical Understanding of Gender & Sexuality

We affirm that God created humanity male and female. At all church functions, students are expected to present themselves in accordance with their biological sex (dress, bathrooms, pronouns and Branch Group assignments). We hold this with both clarity and compassion.

6. Staying in Supervised Areas

Students remain in designated, adult-supervised areas. You may not leave an event early or step away without a leader's approval. In no circumstances will a student leave the KCC campus until checking out.

7. Electronic Devices

Cell phones, smart watches and Bluetooth earbuds will be left at the check-in station upon arrival. Students may contact their parents or guardians at any time by going to the check in table and contacting them there. Parents will be contacted if a student sneaks a device into the worship area after it is safely removed to the check-in station.

8. Active Participation

Show up ready to participate fully. Side conversations or disruptive behavior make it harder for everyone to grow. Give attention and respect to leaders and one another.

9. Welcome & Belonging

Welcome new students and help them feel they belong. We look out for loners and visitors.

10. Respect for Property

We will treat the church building, equipment, vehicles, and other people's belongings with care. I understand I may be responsible for damage I cause.

When Expectations Are Not Met

We all fall short (Romans 3:23). Our response seeks to combine truth with grace:

1. A private conversation and verbal reminder from a leader.
2. If the pattern continues, parents will be contacted so we can partner together.
3. Persistent issues may result in leaving an event, a short cooling-off period, or limited participation while we work with your family.
4. Immediate dismissal for egregious violations (substances, weapons, or serious safety concerns).

Our heart is never to shame, but to restore and help every student grow in Christlikeness.

Our Commitment to You

Branch Leaders and the Youth Director are background-checked, trained, and held to the highest standards of integrity and care. We all attend MinistrySafe© training and have accountability in place at multiple levels. We are committed to creating a safe environment where every student can know, grow, and go in Christ.

This contract is valid for the current ministry year. Families will be invited to review and re-affirm it annually. Special events (camps, trips, etc...) may include a short addendum with event-specific guidelines.

We are better together.

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