Social Media Policy

Please review with your youth!

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta encourages you to post, comment, and interact with others, and ask that remarks be on-topic and respectful.

Please remember:

- See Christ’s image in all those with whom you interact.
- “Love one another earnestly from the heart.” (1 Peter 1:22)
- Emotion is difficult to convey online. Extra vigilance is needed.
- Using ALL CAPS is conveyed as “yelling” online.
- Do not say anything online that you would not say to someone directly.

Comments will be deleted if they contain:

- Hate speech
- Profanity, obscenity, or vulgarity
- Defamation to a person or people
- Personal attacks and/or name calling
- Inciting others through any means, including excessive sarcasm or arguing
- Spam, advertising, or comments unrelated to the topic
- Other comments the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta deems inappropriate.

Posted comments do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. If you have any concerns about posted comments, please contact the Metropolis.

MEDIA POLICY: The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta’s Summer Reset program is designed to use social media and virtual content to bring the Metropolis of Atlanta together. All zoom meetings will be recorded. Your child’s post, photos and videos may appear in the Metropolis Website and Social Media. Also, we reserve the right to use any photos or videos for promotional materials.
The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta encourages you to participate in the Summer Reset July 13-17, 2020. It will be a fun and spiritual reset. It will be a virtual experience to bring us together from the comfort of your home, or virtually anywhere! The Summer Reset will consist of short videos to watch each morning, challenges to complete and post during the day and live discussions each evening.

Behavior

- All participants have the responsibility to treat one another with respect.
- All participants have the responsibility to act and behave in a way which does not endanger, intimidate or interfere with the participation of others.
- All participants have the responsibility to behave according to this code of conduct.

Examples of actions that may result in expulsion:

1. Acts of violence (or threats of violence) toward any camper, clergy, or staff member.
2. Lewd conduct or language such as (but not limited to) any offensive, crude, sexual, sexist, racist, or outside the moral teachings of the Orthodox Christian Church.
3. Verbal or psychological abuse of any camper, clergy, or staff member.
4. Campers, Staff & Parents will not use drugs, alcohol or any forms of smoking (tobacco, vapes, etc) or any other related products while online or participating in virtual programming.
5. Bullying.
6. Logging online to a virtual call not wearing appropriate clothing.
7. Behaving in a manner which is potentially dangerous to self and others. Leaving crude comments in the chat section. Posting inappropriate pictures, etc.
8. Violation of any of the Youth Protection policies and procedures.
9. Violation of any of the rules and regulations which will be introduced to the campers during camp orientation.

Participating in Zoom Meetings and Social Media Posting

- Everyone should be wearing a shirt and shorts, pants, etc.
- Lower garments should be of an adequate length to assure modesty while seated and while participating in camp activities.
- No obscene or vulgar slogans or slogans that promote an alcohol or tobacco product.
- No cleavage.
- No exposed midriffs.
- No bare back or stomach
- No spaghetti straps.
- No strapless garments
- No slits or see through garments.
- No exposed undergarments.
- If an item of clothing seems as if it might be inappropriate for a Christian camp, it probably is.
- While joining Zoom Calls, do not be on or in your bed.
Mandated Reporting

All participants volunteering this summer are mandated reporters. Any accusation or talk of any type of abuse at home or during virtual camp must be reported to the proper authorities, St. Stephen’s Summer Camp Directors, and the Metropolis of Atlanta immediately. This includes staff to camper, camper to camper, or parent to camper cases of abuse. All comments regarding abuse should be taken with the utmost seriousness and addressed immediately.

Agreement

All participants of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta’s community are always expected to behave appropriately. If inappropriate behavior participants will be dismissed from that event and may be asked not to return in the future years. This includes and not limited to St. Stephen's Summer Camp, Winter Youth Rally, Hellenic Dance Festival, Lenten Retreats, Junior Olympics etc.

- I will act with honest, kindness, and only the best possible behavior at all times.
- I will help create a welcoming, safe, and loving atmosphere free from harshness, intimidation, or harassment.
- I will treat all Children and Youth with respect at all times.
- I will treat all Children and Youth fairly regardless of race, sex, age, or religion.
- I will do my best to prevent Abuse of Children and Youth involved in the [Name of Youth Ministry Program or Event].
- I will not physically, sexually or emotionally Abuse or Neglect a Child or Youth.
- I will act according to the Policies for the Safety of Children and Youth (the “Policy”) developed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (“GOARCH”) in cooperation with Praesidium, Inc. I have discussed these Policies with my Parents.
- If I do not act appropriately or violate the Policies, I understand that I may face negative consequences.
- If I see any inappropriate or suspicious behaviors or possible policy violations with Children or Youth, I will immediately tell a Youth Worker.

I have read and agree to adhere to the above rules and Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta’s Code of Conduct. I fully understand the Rules and Code of Conduct as detailed above and I agree to receive appropriate disciplinary action should I breach them.