

# Aquiline Youth Group -- Grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome to Aquiline Youth....** Aquiline means eagle like and we are hoping to soar like eagles.... Isaiah 40:31 says.... ***But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*** That is our hope! Aquiline is a ministry of Calvary Chapel Lebanon.

**HOW DOES AQUILINE FIT INTO A YOUTH'S LIFE?:** We seek to come alongside parents, church leaders, teachers and anyone else in a youth's life that wants to further their walk with Christ. Aquiline isn't a magic pill you swallow to make your life better it is just another tool in your life to encourage your focus on Jesus. We will do this by encouraging youth to spend time reading their Bibles and praying daily, while supplying them with loving & supportive friends that will also encourage them to follow Christ! And that is what we plan to do!

**Aquiline** meets at 740 Willow Street, Lebanon PA 17046. When coming to youth group enter through the back door to the basement! There is parking and a place for parents to wait in the parking lot located at: 30 North 8th Street, Lebanon, PA 17046

Below are some guidelines for youth group, it is not an all encompassing list of items, but contains the answers to some questions new youth or their parents may have and some of the bigger rules we try to follow.

**WHAT HAPPENS ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT:** Aquiline meets from 6:15PM-9:15PM most Wednesday Nights. Our schedule is simple: Doors open at 6:00-Arrive 6:30-hangout/Games, 6:50PM Supper 7:30PM Worship & Lesson followed by small groups. We hope everyone can stay the whole night, but we require attendance for our Worship & Lesson time to attend on a regular basis. Leaving early or unannounced is not allowed without parental approval. **Parents** are free to pick up their kids at any time. Once you arrive at youth group you are there for the night! **If youth need to leave before 9:15PM, a face to face meeting with the parent will be needed, to excuse the youth. Youth caught sneaking out or leaving before Worship & Lesson will be asked not to attend. If you have any questions regarding this parents may call 717-269-3314 and speak to Brian.**

**SMALL GROUPS:** Every youth is assigned to a small group where we discuss the lesson and have prayer time. It is our hope that you become a small "family." In most instances the first few time(s) you attend Aquiline we may allow you to hang out with a friend's small group. After that you will be assigned your own small group. When it comes to small groups we try to separate siblings and best friends to promote non-exclusivity. **Small groups are based on trust...** Things that are talked about and shared in small groups should not become gossip. If dangerous, illegal, suicidal, harmful things are shared in a small group or other youth group settings, Youth leaders have the right to share with the youth's parents or appropriate authorities.

**AGE:** Youth Group is for students in 7th -12th grade. Youth in grades below 7th grade can attend our church's AWANA program which is for K-6th grades. (Wednesdays 6-8). Youth who have graduated may attend our church's Young Adult Bible Study (Sundays 7-9). Students may attend youth group until the last Wednesday of August of their Senior Year of High School. Youth who have dropped out or not completed school and have reached the age of 19 will be allowed to attend the Young Adult Program too.

**BOY/GIRL STUFF:** Aquiline is not a dating service and kissing, lap sitting, or other sexual behavior is prohibited.

**COMMUNICATION:** We communicate with Youth & their Parents in several ways. We hand out flyers every few weeks with details on upcoming events at youth group. We also post info to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AquilineYouth/> You can LIKE our page for updates. We also have a ministry page on our church website: <http://ccleb.com/ministries/youth-group/>. We try to keep updated forms & flyers under the upcoming events link. You may also call or text Brian Smith at 717-269-3314 or email [smitty@fam7.com](mailto:smitty@fam7.com) with questions.

**YOUTH LEADERS:** must be at least 19 years old and been graduated from youth group at least 1 year. Youth leaders all attend Calvary Chapel on a regular basis. **All youth leaders must pass Child Abuse/FBI clearance checks both on the state and National Level.**

**CLOTHING:** Please come dressed appropriately... The following are not permitted.... Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, see through clothing, tube tops, halter tops, clothing with offensive or obscene pictures and/or words. Shirts should be worn at all times. Pants/shorts should be waist/hip level covering up any underwear or cracks.

**ELECTRONICS/PHONES/COMPUTERS/DEVICES:** We want Youth Group to be an electronics free zone after 6:40PM and until small group time is over. All electronic devices must be out of site and not in use: including phones, iPods and other mp3 players, e-readers, tablets, laptops, etc. **At no time are headphones allowed.** If you want to show someone something on your device or take a picture please do so before or after the times listed! No inappropriate, crude or sexual stuff will be tolerated at any time! Youth will be reminded to put electronics away and if they refuse, their parents will be called and they will be asked to leave.

**RESPECT OTHERS:** avoid teasing, talking at the same time as your peers, **swearing**, making fun of others, screaming or making sexual comments. **PROPERTY:** Do not damage or destroy church property and always clean up after yourself. Looking through other people's belongings/backpacks/ purses without their permission is not allowed. **HEALTH:** No one likes to miss a night of youth group or a retreat but please... do not come to youth group if you are sick or getting over the flu/stomach bug, have lice or anything contagious, you will be asked to go home.

**DISCIPLINE:** In the case of broken rules, a leader or leaders will talk with the you and remind you of the rule(s) in an effort to correct the situation immediately. If the broken rule continues as an issue a leader will call and advise your parent(s) of the situation and will ask them to come and pick you up and you will be told that you are not able to attend youth group for a determined amount of time both on Wednesday nights and special activities/retreats for an appropriate time to be decided by the youth leader(s).

**There will be a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for the following list below...** If a rule is broken once, you and your parents will be told that you are not able to attend for a determined amount of time both on Wednesday nights and special activities/retreats.

**Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and weapons**(including pocket knives): are NOT tolerated or allowed on church property or other places we meet as a youth group. **Violence** WILL NOT be tolerated: this includes chasing someone, throwing things at people (outside of a game organized by the youth leaders) or any abusive behavior such as: hitting, kicking, punching, biting, pinching, yelling/screaming or attempting to do any of these actions. **Stealing** will also not be tolerated.

**We agree and understand the rules of Aquiline Youth GROUP:**

STUDENT NAME PRINTED: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME PRINTED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE PARTY/RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_