

## **BHEA Behavior and Dress Policy**

The BHEA membership sincerely desires that our children's behavior and dress in public and at group events will reflect Godly character brought about by the extra time and effort spent training them. Since we are all still in the process of child training, discipline is sometimes needed at homeschool events. **This behavior and dress policy will be in effect for each and every BHEA event, unless otherwise stated.**

**To ensure events flow smoothly and to avoid misunderstandings, please read this policy carefully and understand that it will be strictly observed.**

*Please do not be surprised or offended when this policy is enforced. Unfortunately, this policy is in effect due to past problems.*

School aged, non-homeschooled children should not be at BHEA events that are held during their normal school hours. This could cause us trouble with the truancy laws. They are, however, welcome to attend BHEA events held on school holidays or breaks, or after school hours, and are expected to abide by the BHEA Behavior and Dress Policy.

### **Behavior policy:**

Inappropriate behavior is defined as disrespectful attitudes toward adults and other students, cursing and inappropriate conversation, name calling, hitting, biting, spitting, etc.

Inappropriate behavior or violation of the dress code will be handled in this manner:

- The child will be given verbal correction by the parent and/or an adult.
- Children are expected to respond quickly and respectfully to verbal correction from the parent and/or adult in authority.
- If parents are unaware of, or are ignoring problem behavior, another parent or adult in authority will address the misbehavior.
- If misbehavior continues after the verbal correction, the parent will be expected to discipline his/her child with at least a 10 minute supervised time away from the event.
- Children misbehaving **after** these corrections **are required to leave the event.** BHEA will review event privileges for those who are repeatedly asked to leave events.

Parents, please note that if you do not address your child's behavior problems, another parent or adult in authority will.

### **Dress policy:**

BHEA is concerned with attitude reflected in some fashions, therefore, we have adopted the following policy concerning dress for any BHEA event. Modesty and love for the brethren is our desire.

- Extreme fashions are not appropriate for BHEA functions. Examples include: Goth styles; clothing reflecting gang mentality such as oversized chains/baggy clothes, make-up for boys or nail coloring for boys, etc.
- No hats are to be worn at BHEA indoor activities. Religious or special classroom use excepted.
- Shirts must cover the entire torso area. (Please, no midriff or cleavage showing.)
- Shorts should be longer than your longest finger when hands are to your sides. Skirts should be no shorter than 2" above the knee
- Clothing must not be form-fitting, for example bike shorts, tight tops, etc.
- Appropriate underwear should be worn but not seen.
- Please carefully select T-shirts appropriate to our group's Christ-centered beliefs.
- Sleeveless tops must be modest and meet the above criteria concerning shirts, underwear, etc. (Please no spaghetti straps or halters.)
- Unnatural (i.e. blue, green, purple, etc.) hair color is inappropriate.
- Proper swimwear will be MODEST—one-piece suits for girls or tankinis (no midriff showing ) and swim trunks for boys.
- **Special note on the Final Formal:** A separate dress policy will be distributed each year for this special event. Please request a copy and review it **prior** to purchasing your formal wear.

***Parents, if students arrive at BHEA events disregarding this dress policy, they will be asked to leave the event.***

**I have reviewed the BHEA behavior and dress policies above, and I agree to abide by them.**

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_