

2012 INSTITUTE COVENANT

The INSTITUTE community has flourished as a way of life for many years and for many people. As in any community, certain rules have been adopted for the preservation of that unique lifestyle. They are set forth here so that the community may be aware of them.

1. You are to attend all scheduled activities. Only through participation will all benefit from this week.
2. Institute is designated as a unique Christian community for the benefit of the Instituters. Wednesday, from 4:30 to 8pm (CDT), will be set aside as the time for parents, alumni and guests to visit the community.
3. The Institute community is defined as the campus and downtown area; the boundary to the north is the highway, which should not be crossed. This is a small enough area to get around by foot. Please leave your car keys in your pockets.
4. When you attend Institute, you shall not leave at any time during the week. Emergencies will be handled by the Community Life Coordinator.
5. There are many places for Instituters to meet and relate during the week, but residence hall rooms are off limits to members of the opposite sex.
6. We need to care for ourselves and our bodies this week, and that includes time for sharing, eating right and sleeping. We need to be in our residence hall and cafeteria at times scheduled. Instituters must be in their own room at lights out. Please be courteous to those sleeping.
7. Institute is a safety-, legal-, and health-conscious community. Therefore, the possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, weapons and fireworks is prohibited.
8. We are guests at Baker University. We need to respect all other individuals on campus. Let's pick up after ourselves and treat the campus with courtesy and respect. Any property damages are the financial responsibility of the Instituters and their parent(s)/guardian(s).
9. Name tags are to be worn at all times by Instituters. They are important in identifying who we are, and that we each are part of the Institute community.
10. In accordance with state and local laws, shoes must be worn in the cafeteria and in the Wild Cat Cafe.
11. The residential hall will be locked from 11:30 pm to 8 am* for the night. You are expected to remain in them during this time.
12. Security of personal items is your responsibility at Institute. Instituters' rooms will not be locked. We encourage you to leave valuable items at home.
13. Instituters are part of an intentional Christian community for the entire week. Although there are certain circumstances that arise when communication outside the community is necessary, the use of cell phones and other electronic devices can be a deterrent to the Institute environment. If cell phones have to be used, keep conversations and

texting to a minimum, and respect other Instituters at times of sleep, worship and other scheduled activities.

14. You are to dress for the week in a respectable manner that is not a distraction to the community. Shorts are to be mid -thigh length and tank tops should be modestly cut with at least one inch straps. If the staff deems a person's dress inappropriate, the Instituter will be expected to change into acceptable clothes or make arrangements to have appropriate clothes delivered to Baker.

Failure to follow this Covenant will result in appropriate disciplinary action. The Community Life Coordinator (CLC) has primary responsibility for community life decisions (including decisions regarding discipline), in consultation with the Institute staff.

The Vision Team adopted this covenant with you in mind. It is not meant to stifle you. It is intended to enhance the experience of each individual during the few days we will spend together as a unique Christian community. The more you put into this experience, the more you will get out of it.

Instituter: Your signature indicates that you have read the Institute Covenant and agree to live according to the Covenant while attending Institute.

Instituter's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian: Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the Institute Covenant. Please remember that Instituters cannot secure expensive personal items in their rooms.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date