

When the one piece 'rule' is placed out there for events like this I know there are often a number of questions. I hope this will summarize where we stand as a leadership team with our youth and this issue. This discussion often begins with concerns over protecting our guys and girls and their modesty...but that is not where I see the heart of the issue.

As a youth program one of our main overall responsibilities is to be there for parents as they raise their children in Christ, training them in the way they feel convicted by the Holy Spirit that they should go. We are here to create another atmosphere that reflects what parents are establishing at home. We understand that these convictions differ and sometimes we have to choose a place to stand.

If we simply talk about modesty we open up a diverse dialogue of different perspectives and stances but if we talk about becoming all things for all people (1 Corinthians 9:19-23) and creating an environment where parents who encourage modesty *in this way* are supported, then I am convinced that where we should stand on this issue becomes clear. If parents ask their daughters to wear a one piece and they attend an event sponsored by Swift Creek where this is not an expectation then we feel that we are not doing everything we can to support these parents and, as part of the body of Christ, we miss an opportunity to be there for them.

Parents; if these are not expectations you have for your child we simply ask that you take into consideration how you can help build the body of Christ by helping other families in how they work at raising their children. Youth, I ask you to support each other as some are facing honoring their parents on this issue! (Ephesians 6:1) Jesus said to his disciples, "Stumbling blocks are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come!" (Luke 17:1 NET) Let's be sure that we aren't creating an atmosphere where our youth question what their parents ask of them.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me. Lake Day is such a strong tradition here at SCPC. The time spent out on the lake is priceless. I can't wait. See you all there!

Joe