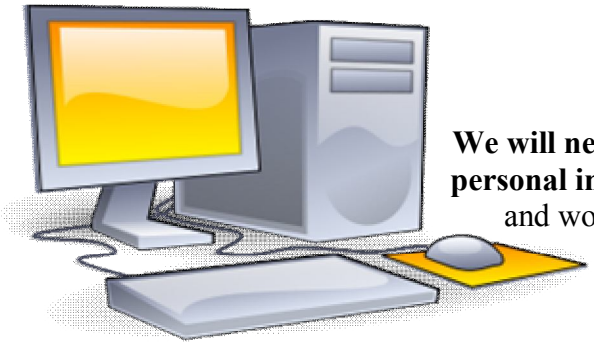

Our Family's Rules for Internet Safety

We All Agree:

We will never give out our last name, address, phone number, or any personal information. This includes sports team names, school information, and work information. We have all agreed upon user names to use while we are on the Internet.

Name	User Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
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When asked where we live, we are all going to answer: I live in _____
(Upstate New York, or South East Kansas, or Northern Florida) I will never give out more information to anyone.

We all agree to not give out our passwords to anyone outside of our family. If someone finds out our password and uses it, we all could get into big trouble.

We all agree to limit our online time, so that it doesn't interfere with other activities. If mom or dad sets time limits, we agree to abide by them. The Internet is a lot of fun, but we will not allow the Internet to take time away from devotions, church/church-related activities, homework, housework, sports, face-to-face interaction, or spending time together as a family.

The Kids Agree:

I will never meet anyone in person that I have met online. If anyone ever asks to meet me, I will notify mom or dad, immediately. The only way this would be considered is if my mom or dad was with me and the meeting was in a public place.

I will tell my mom or dad right away if I see something that makes me feel uncomfortable. Sometimes kids wander into sites that are not appropriate. This doesn't mean that I did something wrong.

I will not remain on or click on that page that says, "For Over 18 Years Only." If the page says for over 18 years only, it is because it is not for kids and I will not go any further and I will tell my mom or dad that I got to a page like that.

I will only download pictures and files if I have my parent's permission. Some of these files may contain dangerous viruses that will mess up the computer, so I will not do it, unless my parents know about it first.

I will not send pictures of my family or myself to anyone online. The only way that I am allowed to do this is if my parents say it is all right to do to send to this person and this person only.

I will not believe everything that I see online. I know that anyone can post information on the Internet, just because it is there, doesn't mean that it is correct. If I am in doubt of information, I will research it further.

I agree that nothing is private on the Internet. My mom or dad may read my mail or check the sites that I have been visiting. It isn't because they don't trust me; they just want to make sure that I am safe.

The Adults Agree:

If my child comes and tells that they saw something online that was not appropriate, I will discuss this openly with them.

I stay close to the computer while my child is online and I will be available to answer questions. I know that my child will have questions about how to use the Internet. If I don't know the answer, we will learn together.

Signed (signatures and date below):