

# The Friendship Rights

**Teenagers have a right to seek a group that will:**

- 1. Have people they can trust and want to call their friends.**
- 2. Provide opportunities.**
- 3. Give lasting reasons for staying in the group.**
- 4. Equip them with the tools to deal with differing situations and people in various environments.**
- 5. Balance the needs of the individual with the needs of the group.**
- 6. Inspire them to make contributions.**

**Teenagers should ask the following question of their group:**

- 1. Will this group help me meet people I want to know and spend time with?**
- 2. Will I be able to share my interests while learning new and useful things when I belong to this group?**
- 3. Will I grow and become a better person because of my ongoing membership in this group?**
- 4. Will I learn how to interact effectively with other group members, even when we do not always agree?**
- 5. Will the group move forward with its own purpose and still respect my personal needs for growth and individuality?**
- 6. Will my being a member of this group empower me to make a difference in this group and else-**

