

LANGUAGE & FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Participation in this program is a privilege. Participants will be expected to conduct themselves in a mature, considerate manner, reflecting highly on themselves, their community, their country. Success of the program for all requires that each person abide by a set of common behavior expectations for the benefit and safety of all. Failure on the part of anyone to abide by these guidelines creates needless problems for the majority, wasting valuable program time. Be considerate of fellow travelers. Be aware of the burden of responsibility each leader bears and of the dedication shown in providing you this experience. Read these with your parents, along with the Travel Courtesies section in your Student Guidebook. Sign below and return to your leader.

1. I agree to abide by my leaders' rules—**all of them**. I accept their word as final.
2. I will not participate in the handling or use of tobacco, alcohol or any controlled substances. I understand involvement with illegal drugs is a serious crime. I understand involvement with drugs will mean that I will be sent home at my own or my family's expense. I understand that, if the police have detained me, I am totally subject to the host country's law and authorities, and I have only the right to an English-speaking lawyer.
3. I will remember that I am a guest in the host country and will treat people I meet with respect and discretion. Discretion includes never accepting rides from or giving information to strangers.
4. I will make my best effort to speak the language of the country I am visiting.
5. As a safety precaution, I will never venture out alone. During any free time, I agree to stay in a group of three (not including strangers).
6. I will keep my passport and my money safe in a neck or waist pouch.
7. I will not have my body pierced or tattooed while abroad.
8. I will abide by the curfew, and will remain in my assigned room after curfew. I will conduct myself in a manner to keep my general health strong, i.e. getting a good night's rest, eating properly, etc.
9. I agree to be on time, at the time and meeting point designated by my leader, and will participate in all planned activities, including **all pre-trip preparation meetings**.
10. I will drive no motorized vehicle nor will I be a passenger on a two-wheeled motorized vehicle.
11. I agree to be flexible about with whom I share a room.
12. I agree to keep hotel room doors open if any other students stop by my room.

13. I agree to be respectful and courteous of other hotel guests and other passengers on planes/trains/buses. This means keeping noise to a minimum, keeping my hotel room and my area on the bus clean and keeping my feet off the seats. This is also done as a courtesy to my roommates, hotel owners and bus drivers.
14. I will be responsible for any loss or damage to any personal or public property, and pay damages, if applicable. This includes any damage to hotel, buses, sites visited, host family's home, and other participants' property.
15. I will respect the wishes of my host family and do my best to be helpful and cooperative. I will contact my leaders if I have any question or difficulty.
16. I agree to not bring my cell phone so I can focus on the program, the country, and the people I am visiting.

Discipline procedures depend on the offense and are subject to leader discretion. Disciplinary action may include any or all of the following:

- Confrontation and grounding
- Collect call home with both student and leader present
- Return home at parental expense, either alone
or parents traveling abroad to pick up their child.

Special note: Despite the complications and costs of sending a student home, it has been done and will be done again if such action is deemed necessary. Such action is rare but where needed, parents will have to either agree to travel abroad to pick up their child or give permission for him/her to return home alone.

I understand, respect, and accept fully the program guidelines listed above and promise to abide by them all for my benefit as well as that of all participants—students and leaders.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

By our signatures below, we, the parents or legal guardians of the above-named participant, understand, respect, and accept the program expectations listed above and agree to pay all expenses incurred for returning our child to the U.S., should such action be deemed necessary by his/her leader/s and Language & Friendship. We understand that unless we give permission for our child to travel home alone, we will agree to go abroad to accompany him/her home. We will encourage our son/daughter to abide by these guidelines and to prepare well for the program, realizing these preparations are essential towards making the experience safe, meaningful, and successful.

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