

Catholic Youth Mission Trips of West Bend / Newburg, WI General Expectations, Rules and Regulations

Everyone will be expected to act responsibly during the entire trip. We are going to different regions of the country where we will be viewed as “outsiders”. We may have to modify our lifestyle or habits so as not to offend anyone.

1. Possession or use of illegal drugs or alcohol is strictly forbidden.
2. Firearms or replicas of firearms, knives or weapons of any kind are not permitted.
3. Sexual harassment or abuse in any form is not permitted.
4. Smoking or use of tobacco products by underage youth is not allowed. Use of these items by adults may be restricted. We will follow the rules for smoking as directed by our individual mission centers or work sites.
5. Bringing your cell phone will interfere with the quality of your trip experience. Therefore leaving your cell phone at home is strongly encouraged. There will be times that phones will be prohibited by your leaders or the organizations you are working for. We are not responsible for loss of property.
6. No pets will be permitted to accompany participants on the Mission Trips.
7. In order to assure the privacy of all participants, no females are permitted in the male’s sleeping areas or men in the female’s sleeping areas at any time.
8. Because we all need our sleep, we will observe and abide by the lights out rule as directed by our various work centers. If no such rule exists, it is up to the adult leaders on the trip to set the time, however we recommend a lights out time of no later than 11:00 p.m.
9. Use of personal audio devices on work sites or during any evening program activities is prohibited. Personal audio equipment may be used during transportation and personal “down time” but their use isolates you from your group and will adversely affect the quality of your Mission Trip experience.
10. Take photographs with great discretion. Before taking pictures of the people or families that you are serving, take the time to get to know them so they become comfortable with you. Always ask for and obtain permission before taking pictures of the people, their homes, mission sites or fellow volunteers. Never post on the Internet or Social Network sites etc., any pictures of the people or families that you are serving.
11. Proper clothing will be addressed in the Modesty Policy and the Individual Trip Packing Guidelines, and adherence will become part of these expectations, rules and regulations.
12. All volunteers (youth and adults) are expected to participate fully in their respective programs. This includes attendance at meals, chores, meetings, evening gatherings and special events.
13. Adult leaders are responsible for the safety and conduct of their youth volunteers at all times (whether at the center, at the work site or in the community).
14. Any additional rules or regulations required of us by our respective center directors, staff persons, or Mission Trip core team will be strictly observed.

We believe that adherence to these expectations, rules, and regulations are the minimum standard norms of conduct, which are consistent with the mission and purpose of our ministry. We reserve the right to terminate the participation of any individual at their expense if the individual does not abide by these rules and regulations.

Participant Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____