



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18

Individuals participating in a Cross-Cultural Solutions program as a part of a chaperoned group are expected to be respectful of other program participants, the program staff, the placement, and the community. Students in our program are representatives not only of themselves, but also CCS and act as ambassadors to their home country. The CCS program includes policies, rules, and regulations to ensure the safety of all participants. In the event of unacceptable behavior or a violation of any of these rules and policies, CCS will terminate your participation, and you will be asked to leave the program. Your parent or guardian will be responsible for any costs incurred due to a change in your ticket.

Program Policies

Drugs

The use of drugs is illegal. Anyone who is found asking for, buying, in possession of, or using drugs will be expelled from the program and may be reported to local authorities. Keep in mind that your country's embassy will not be able to protect you if you are in custody of the local authorities.

Alcohol and Tobacco

Volunteers are prohibited from consuming alcohol and/or tobacco while participating on a CCS program. In the United States, the legal age to purchase tobacco is 18 and alcohol is 21. Therefore, there is a no-tolerance policy for the consumption and possession of alcohol and/or tobacco while participating in a CCS program.

Weapons

Under no circumstances will CCS staff or volunteers carry weapons or have weapons or ammunition while with CCS. To do so would undermine CCS' humanitarian philosophy and endanger the well-being of our staff and volunteers. CCS adopts a no weapons policy, prohibiting weapons on CCS property and vehicles.

Home-Base Policies

Curfew

All volunteers participating in the program will be expected to respect the mandatory curfew of 9pm daily. Exceptions to this curfew will only include excursions or evening activities arranged by CCS.

Quiet Hours and Lights Out

All volunteers participating in the program will be expected to respect their fellow volunteers by observing quiet hours at 10pm each night and lights out by 11pm. This will ensure volunteers are well-rested for their volunteer placement in the morning.

Prescription Medication

In order to maintain the highest level of safety, all prescription pain medication and mood-altering medication will be held by the CCS in-country staff. Once you arrive in-country please check your medications in with the Program Director and communicate the frequency/quantity you will require. When you need to take your medication, please see the Program Director or another supervising staff member to access your medication.

Sexual Relations

Volunteers are prohibited from any sexual relations while on the program.

Rooms

Volunteers are assigned to bedrooms based on gender. Volunteers are allowed access to their bedroom only. At no time should volunteers be accessing rooms to which they are not assigned. Common areas are available for socializing.

I, _____, understand and agree to abide by the policies described above. I further understand that my actions, behavior, and their consequences are my own responsibility. I understand that, as a participant in a CCS program, I am expected to **(please check each item below)**:

Be flexible, patient, and open-minded when faced with challenges.

Abide by any rules, policies, or direction of the in-country staff.

Be respectful of and care for the property of CCS, the in-country staff, and my fellow volunteers.

Ask for permission to take part in any activities not planned by or authorized by CCS.

Act in a responsible manner and exercise good judgment in all situations, including at my placement, in the community, and at the Home-Base.

Always be accompanied by an in-country staff member on any trips outside of the Home-Base, including at my placement and in the community.

Not take part in any violence, including physical or emotional violence, toward any other individual.

Attend my placement on a daily basis, as scheduled, and actively participate in any scheduled Cultural & Learning Activities activities and free time activities.

Commit to the program and understand the aspects of the volunteer work assignment and cultural exchange.

I have read the above and I understand my responsibility to respect these policies. I furthermore realize the consequences and severity of violating any Cross-Cultural Solutions policy during my program.

Volunteer Initials