

LeaderTreks

Standard of Conduct

The goal of LeaderTreks is for each participant to experience growth in his or her life while serving God. Part of growth is learning to live your life in community with others. Jesus put a high priority on unity in His church. Community comes from how we treat each other. At LeaderTreks, we want you to have the same vision of ministry for each other as you do for the lost people for the host site. We want to clearly spell out to you what our expectation is for your behavior. In order to make this happen, LeaderTreks has created a standard of conduct so that each participant will know what acceptable behavior is. For each trip LeaderTreks runs, all participants will be required to adhere to this standard of conduct. Community is reached when we as a team begin to care more for each other than we do for ourselves.

1. Once committed to a LeaderTreks trip, we expect members to fully participate in all training meetings, devotional exercises, and team meetings. Understand that if you miss a meeting without receiving permission to do so, you may be released from the team.
2. A mission trip is an excellent time for people to focus on their relationship with the Lord. In order to do this, their focus needs to be on their devotions and their attitude toward service. To accomplish this, we are asking all participants to put their dating relationships on hold while they are on a trip and to not pursue new ones. The purpose of this is to help them build strong relationships with other team members and to allow them to focus on their relationship with the Lord. All participants should refrain from any and all inappropriate touching. Examples are: kissing, backrubs, holding hands, feeding one another, sitting in one another's laps, lying on each other, etc. Conduct like this will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. All LeaderTreks team members will commit to building the strongest relationships possible with the people we meet while at the host site. Under no circumstances should any team members engage in an improper relationship with a person from the host site. This includes flirting and spending time alone with the opposite sex. Please invest in each other on the level of fellowship.
3. We are all members of a team. We are to compensate for each other, not criticize. Work or Wilderness sites can be very taxing physically. Please realize that these challenges can be significant for some team members. If a team member becomes overwhelmed, we need to support him or her with encouragement or service. Our challenges on this trip should stretch our spiritual growth and our physical endurance, but not to the point of harming ourselves or others.
4. Be on time. Be respectful of the staff and other team members by being on time for all scheduled events. This includes all meals. A meeting or meal will not commence until all team members are present.
5. Dress modestly. Cultural differences are a fact whether we are in a Third World country or just a different part of our country! Our goal is to represent LeaderTreks in a way that points to Jesus Christ. We want to do all that we can to help others focus on Him. In doing that, we ask that everyone dress modestly. When shorts are worn they must be longer than the extent of your fingers when arms are relaxed. Girls should not wear off-the-shoulder, sleeveless, or cut-off shirts. Guys should not be bare-chested or wear half-shirts, sleeveless, tank tops, or mesh-type shirts. Clothing should not be worn in a manner that allows underwear to be seen. No clothes or hats may be worn that advertise rock groups, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. For swimming, girls must have one-piece bathing suits. Team members must be dressed fully in team areas.
6. At no time is a team member allowed to dye/cut his or her hair or tattoo/pierce his or her body while on a trip or training. Inappropriate tattoos must be covered at all times.
7. Drugs. At no time shall the use or purchasing of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs be tolerated.

8. Fireworks. At no time will fireworks be purchased or set off during a LeaderTreks trip.
9. Language. Please guard your tongue. No swearing or unkind language brings favor to Jesus Christ.
10. When buying souvenirs, please use discretion with your purchases. If it isn't something you would share with your youth pastor, it isn't something you should be buying. In years past, some students have purchased machetes or knives. These purchases will be immediately packed for shipping and remain packed until arrival at your home destination.
11. Team members will remember that they are a guest of the host site and the local church. Team members shall show respect towards the host and the facilities provided by the host site. Team members shall keep all areas clean, including their sleeping rooms, ministry areas, kitchen areas, and common areas. Food, at all times, will be in rodent and insect-proof containers if taken from the kitchen area. Crumbs and wrappings must be properly disposed of to prevent infestation of insects and rodents.
12. Team members will remember that they have come to learn, not to teach. Check your attitude; be open to learning new things. Remember that we are all students of the Lord.
13. Team members will develop and maintain a servant attitude toward other team members, staff, and the host site.
14. Team members will respect and obey all team leaders. The team leaders will have your best interests at heart. Even if you can't see the reason for doing something, remember you are committing yourself to following the Leaders.
15. Refrain from complaining. Remember to count the cost before signing up for the trip. Ask good questions about the trip so you will know what you are getting into. Once committed, do not complain about circumstances, but look for what God wants to teach you.
16. No team members shall harass or intimidate another team member, including placing any person in fear.
17. At no time shall a team member expose any part of their body deemed inappropriate to another team member. Doing so would earn that team member a trip home at the team member's expense.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____