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You're about to go on an adventure! But before you do, there are a couple things we want everybody to agree on, so your trip will be the best it can be. We've thought carefully about what's important for everyone to see eye-to-eye on and listed those things below. These expectations will help to make this experience meaningful, fun and safe for everyone – and by "everyone," we mean YouthWorks staff, community members, adult leaders, other students and, especially, you!

Please read this covenant carefully so you understand YouthWorks policies. By signing at the bottom, you'll be agreeing to respect the community you are serving and commit to being a team player in your group.

- ★ I agree to look for ways to serve others with a joyful attitude, so I can help people like Jesus did. I understand that I am on the trip to serve God, help a community, build new relationships and learn new things. I agree to come prepared to do just that!
- ★ I am aware that my actions affect people other than just me. I agree to obey all local laws and ordinances pertaining to use of drugs and alcohol by minors. I will not bring or use any weapon or illegal substance during my mission trip week.
- ★ I want to stay focused on the people and experiences at the mission site. Out of respect for the policies of YouthWorks' ministry and housing partners, I will consider leaving my cell phone at home. If I choose to bring my cell phone, I understand that I will only be allowed to use it during approved times, and I will risk theft or loss. I understand that my parents will be given instructions on how to contact my adult leaders in case I need to be reached.
- ★ Because I want nothing to distract me in this week of serving others, I will consider leaving electronic devices at home. This includes iPods, mp3 players, electronic games, laptops, portable DVD players or any other devices that could cut me off from interacting with those around me. I understand that I will not be able to use these items during the week and that I risk theft or loss by bringing them.
- ★ I agree that this mission week is a group experience. I'll be in different group settings all week. Because of this, I will do my best to build community, create relationships, be welcoming and include others. I agree to treat everyone – leaders, staff, other students and community members – with the utmost respect.
- ★ It matters how I treat people's things, so I agree that I will respect the property of all participants, the community members and the housing site where we stay. My actions will show my love for Jesus and others. I will keep in mind the purpose of the trip and my job of showing Jesus to the community.
- ★ I realize that there are adults in my life and on the trip who care about my well-being. Plus, I want to be safe! So, I agree to stay within the designated YouthWorks boundaries, follow rules at ministry sites, stay in groups of three or more, respect gender-specific areas (sleeping rooms, restrooms and showers), and refrain from using my cell phone in these areas due to privacy concerns.
- ★ I know I am representing Jesus Christ, and I want to respect the people around me, so I agree to follow the clothing policy. The way I dress can affect my ministry. I will respect my group, the community and myself by dressing modestly.

I agree to follow all of the above expectations because I want to be safe, love others and represent Jesus well at all times.

Participant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date