

Aldersgate Middle School Mission Trip

Standards of Conduct

1. Upon committing to an Aldersgate Mission Trip, we expect members to participate in all team meetings and fundraisers fully. We also expect regular attendance at weekly youth activities. Understand that if you are consistently absent from church for weeks or months at a time or fail to communicate conflicts with our meeting and fundraisers, you may be released from the team.
2. Trips are an excellent time for people to focus on their relationship with God. The focus of all participants needs to be on their devotions and their attitude toward service. All participants are asked to put their dating relationships on hold while they are on a trip and not to pursue new ones, this will help the team build strong relationships with each other and allow members to focus on their relationship with the Lord.
3. We are all members of a team. We are to encourage each other, not criticize. Work 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.
4. 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 Aldersgate 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. Girls should not wear off the shoulder, sleeveless or cut-off shirts. Guys should not be bare-chested, wear half-shirts, sleeveless, tank top or mesh-type shirts. Clothing should not be worn in a manner that allows underwear to be seen. Shorts should always follow the fingertip rule. No clothes or hats may be worn that advertise alcohol, drugs, tobacco or inappropriate pictures or words.
5. Drugs. At no time shall the use or purchasing of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs be tolerated.
6. Fireworks or Weapons. At no time will students bring or purchase fireworks or weapons on any trip. Weapons include, but are not limited to pocketknives, knives, machetes, nunchucks, whips, or projectile weapons of any kind (i.e., slingshots, blow darts, or firearms). If any of these items, or others as deemed inappropriate by the adult leaders, are found, they will be disposed of, and the owner will receive no compensation. Depending on the situation the student may be required to be picked-up, during the trip, at the parent's expense.
7. Language. Please guard your tongue. Refrain from swearing for it does not bring glory to Jesus Christ.
8. Team members will develop and maintain a servant attitude toward other team members, staff, and the host site.
9. Team members will respect and obey all team leaders. The team leaders will have your best interests at heart. Remember you are committing yourself to follow the leaders.
10. 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 committing to. Once committed, do not complain about circumstances but look for what God wants to teach you.
11. No team members shall harass or intimidate another team member, including causing fear in any person.
12. Cell phones and Electronics. Students will be required to leave their cell phones and all other electronic devices at home. Only the adult leaders will have their cell phones. If someone needs to contact you, they can reach you through the adult leaders. Cell phones and electronic devices will be confiscated by the adult leaders and returned once we are back at Aldersgate.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____