

## **2008 Youth Covenant**

In order to have a safe and life-changing mission experience, clear expectations are needed between all who are involved. We desire to serve communities without bringing them any harm, as a result, we ask all participants of YouthWorks trips, to agree to the following expectations in accordance with the purpose of a YouthWorks mission trip.

The goal of the covenant is to ensure the knowledge of YouthWorks policies, solidify your commitment to your group and demonstrate your respect of the community you will be serving.

- Because I want to truly help others as Jesus did, I agree to bring a servant, joyful attitude. 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 so!
- Because I am aware that my actions have consequences beyond myself, I agree to obey all local laws and ordinances pertaining to use of drugs and alcohol by minors. I will not bring or use illegal substances on any YouthWorks controlled ministry sites, on the property of our ministry partners or in vehicles of any YouthWorks participants.
- Because I want nothing to distract me in this short week of serving others and because valuables are more susceptible to theft at a mission site, I understand that I am not to bring to the site an iPod, walkman, discman, portable radio or boom box, electronic games, lap top, mp3 player, portable DVD player or any other device that could potentially isolate me from those around me (including cell phones).
- Because I am coming and returning with a group, I agree that this mission week is a group experience. I will do my best to build community, create relationships, be welcoming and include others. I agree to treat everyone – leaders, staff, other groups and community members – with the utmost respect.
- Because I know that how I treat people's things makes a statement, I agree that I will respect the property of all participants, the community members and the housing site in which we stay. I will conduct myself as a representative of Jesus Christ at all times, remembering the purpose of the trip and my responsibility as a witness to the community.
- Because I know that my parents and leaders care about my well-being, and because I want to be safe, I agree to stay within the designated YouthWorks boundaries, stay in groups of three or more, respect gender specific areas (sleeping rooms and restrooms), follow rules at the ministry sites and communicate with my group.
- Because I know that I am representing Jesus Christ and want to respect the people around me, I agree to follow the clothing policy. I understand that the way I dress can affect my ministry and I will respect my group, the community and myself by dressing modestly.

***I agree to follow all of the above expectations because I desire to represent Jesus in a positive manner at all times.***

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Participant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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