

Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church

Trip Covenant

September 2014 – August 2015

A covenant is a promise to God, me, the people I will travel with, and the people I will meet while I am away. It is how we agree to live in community for the time we are gone. By signing this, I agree to abide by the statements below, knowing there will be consequences for breaking this covenant including the possibility of being sent home at my own expense.

1. I agree to uphold a lifestyle that builds the group up. I will encourage my travel mates to do their best, to listen for God, and to support the community. To help when needed and to encourage others to do so.
2. I agree to act respectfully to all I encounter and to acknowledge people by name, or to ask them if I don't know it. I agree to respect differing opinions and engage in positive conversation. I may encounter people who think or act differently than what I am used to. Unless it is harmful to me, I will try my hardest to understand their point of view. Especially, when I am a guest.
3. I agree to listen to the group leaders. Their instructions are important for our group and for our safety.
4. I agree to be on time always and not hold the group up. I will travel with a watch or some accurate way to keep track of time. I will help others be on time as well.
5. I agree to follow the rules of the organization we are traveling with. I will know them and respect them before we leave.
6. I agree to participate in all that I am supposed to participate in. To be in the places I am assigned and to be positive and supportive in those places.
7. I agree to use technology appropriately. I will turn my cell phone/MP3 player off when appropriate and asked of me. I will ask to take pictures of people I don't know. I will not post pictures online unless the people say it's okay to do so. I will let people "tag" themselves on Facebook. I will not let any technology separate me from the group.
8. If I am not feeling well, I will tell a leader/health person immediately. I understand that the earlier I let someone know about a problem the easier it may be to fix it.
9. If I break or lose anything I will inform a leader or the person who owns the item. We will work together to fix it or replace it.
10. I agree to be at all pre-trip meetings/interactions.
11. I will support the Tartan Trot fundraiser on February 7, 2015 in some way - by running and/or working. If I need ideas about how to help, I will contact Phil Brown. I understand that this fundraiser pays a significant portion of my total trip cost and I am excited to help.

I _____(print name) have read and agree to live by this covenant while I am away with Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church.

Participant's Signature date

Parent/guardian Signature date
(if applicable)

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