

Code of Conduct for IFYE Participants - Inbound

The International 4-H Youth Exchange [IFYE] holds participants responsible for knowing the policies set forth in this document. These policies exist to facilitate the program and to ensure a safe, fair, and successful experience for participants.

I. The Code of Conduct

Participants in the IFYE programs are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and respectfully, and will abide by the rules set forth by IFYE, the Program Directors in participating states, and their host families. Any Participant who engages in disrespectful, hostile, or behavior that threatens the health and welfare of the Participant, another person, or the program will be subject to immediate disciplinary action and may be dismissed from the program, and sent home at his/her own expense.

Participants in IFYE programs are expected to take responsibility for their own actions and will be held accountable for their behavior while participating in the program. Participants are expected to abide by the Study Abroad Code of Conduct and the laws and customs that govern the United States. Participants are legally subject to the same laws and regulations that govern the host country's citizens and any other laws that are applicable to the Participant as a foreign citizen in the host country.

The following are prohibited:

- Violence against others. This is defined as striking or doing any other physical harm to another.
- Verbal abuse of staff, hosts or Participants.
- Obstruction of IFYE program or activities.
- Theft, damage, or vandalism to property of host families or of fellow Participants.
- Disorderly, disruptive, threatening, or intimidating conduct, gestures or actions.
- Violations of residential guidelines and/or rules established by your host, including, but not limited to unauthorized overnight guests, excessive noise, rowdy conduct, and drunkenness.
- Criminal behavior or violation of local laws.
- Failure to follow the guidelines, directives, timetables, and instructions of the IFYE staff.
- Falsification of or alteration of records, including, but not limited to any unauthorized alteration of transcripts or grade reports, any verbal or written misrepresentation of Participant records, falsification or unauthorized alteration of any portion of the application for participation in IFYE programs.

- Self-endangerment, including involvement in activities or behavior that could result in personal harm, including, but not limited to, frequenting dangerous places, association with criminals, repeated intoxication, etc.
- Alcohol or drug policy violations. (See Section II below)

II. Alcohol and Drugs Policies

Alcohol may be consumed, within reasonable limits, by Participants who are of legal age in the United States. Participants who choose to consume alcohol do so with the knowledge that they remain responsible for their actions at all times and are expected to drink responsibly. Participant is prohibited from illegally distributing alcohol to Participants who are not of legal drinking age. Further, excessive and irresponsible drinking leading to intoxication and behavior that interferes with the program or the rights of others is subject to immediate disciplinary action, and may result in dismissal from the program.

Participants are prohibited from selling, using, or possessing any drugs that are considered by host country law to be illicit or illegal. Participants are cautioned that the possession of drugs is often dealt with harshly by law enforcement. NOTE: Any drug infraction will be considered a grave violation of policy and will result in immediate disciplinary action, including dismissal from the program.

I, the undersigned, understand and agree to abide by the IFYE Code of Conduct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____