

## Code of Conduct Community Partnership Programs

I realize that while on the Xperitas program, I am representing my country, my community, my school and my family. I understand that my actions impact the experience of upcoming teams to this site as well as the reputation of Xperitas.

I will therefore strive to conduct myself in a manner appropriate to being a good ambassador. I accept and understand the Xperitas Code of Conduct as listed below and pledge myself to honor it.

### I agree to the following elements of the philosophy of Xperitas.

1. Cultural exchange is the primary purpose of Xperitas programs.
2. Xperitas is not a religious organization.
3. Xperitas trip participants and Team Leaders will work on community-initiated projects with members from the host community.
4. Experience and interaction with the people of the host community is more important than the work accomplished on the project.

### As an Xperitas participant...

1. I will cooperate with my leader(s) and honor the rules that they set for me (e.g. curfews, punctuality).
2. I will dress and act appropriately at all times and be sensitive to the impression I am conveying in a culture other than my own.
3. I will refrain from taking photos in the host community until my Team Leader has let the group know it is okay to do so. Before taking any photos, I will ask permission of the individuals.
4. I will refrain from promising or giving gifts to individuals in the host community.
5. I will refrain from the use of alcohol or drugs in the host community.
6. I will refrain from operating any motorized vehicle.
7. I will refrain from purchasing or carrying articles that may be considered a weapon.

I acknowledge that violation of this Code of Conduct abroad may result in my being sent home at my own expense.

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**Participant Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

(if participant is under 18 years old)

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**Date**

Please feel free to contact us at [info@xperitas.org](mailto:info@xperitas.org) for more clarification before signing.

