



ARCC Student Agreement

An enjoyable and fulfilling experience with ARCC depends on a positive attitude, willingness to contribute to the whole group, and a willingness to participate enthusiastically in the program's activity. It also depends on the willingness of all students to abide by ARCC's policies. ARCC has a "no tolerance" attitude regarding violation of ARCC Policies. A violation of these policies will result in the participant being sent home at his or her (or the participant's family's) expense. For certain disciplinary violations, including behavioral issues and exclusive relationships, ARCC will often use a behavioral contract in congruence with students, parents, and ARCC Instructors prior to escalating disciplinary action or a student being sent home. These behavioral contracts will be handled on a case by case basis, and are dependent on the behavior and needs of the student involved. We ask that participants and their parents read this agreement carefully and sign below to reflect their understanding and agreement to follow these policies.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL: The use or possession of any illegal drugs or alcohol will result in a participant's immediate return home at his or her own expense and without refund. If traveling internationally, I understand that while the legal drinking age, or lack thereof, may make alcohol legal for a participant to consume in that country, the rules and policies of ARCC will still apply and I will comply with these rules and policies.

TOBACCO: Students who enroll in an ARCC semester who currently smoke cigarettes will be required to adhere to ARCC's smoking etiquette as outlined below:

I agree that I will not smoke during ARCC activities (service projects, adventure activities, group meetings, etc.)

I agree that if I smoke, it is only done on my own: not in front of the group or with another student, a homestay, or any other situation that could be deemed inappropriate.

If smoking becomes a problem (being late due to smoking, smoking in group settings, etc.), ARCC instructors will revisit the policy with the student. If the problem persists, more serious consequences will follow, which may include a student getting sent home.

BEHAVIORAL ISSUES: Respect and cooperation are essential to create a positive group dynamic and have successful trip experience. Therefore, I understand that a negative attitude or disrespectful behavior towards the leaders or other participants will not be tolerated. I also understand that disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Should behavioral issues arise that, in the sole discretion of ARCC, affect other students, the leaders, or the trip as a



whole, or otherwise reflect negatively upon ARCC, I understand that ARCC will send the participant home at his or her own expense and without refund.

EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Exclusive relationships, including clique forming or intimate relations, are not permitted on an ARCC adventure. These types of relationships can have a negative impact on the group dynamic. I understand that should I couple with another participant on the trip, or develop exclusive relationships that are detrimental to the group experience, ARCC will send me home at my own expense without refund.

UNDISCLOSED INFORMATION: If it comes to light that a student has withheld or not disclosed important medical information, ARCC reserves the right to remove the student from a program at the expense of the parent/guardian. In such an event, no refunds will be granted.

We strongly encourage parents to discuss these issues with their child prior to the semester so that everyone is aware of the consequences of violating ARCC's "no tolerance" policies.

We have read, understand, and the participant agrees to abide by the ARCC policies. We understand that should a policy be violated, the student will be removed from the program and will be returned home at his/her own expense.

Parent Signature

Student Signature