

Most groups find it important to agree to a code of conduct prior to departure. This will be particularly useful with youth groups. This sample was drawn from a code of conduct used by a group of parishes that worked together to travel to Belize. You may want to customize a code to your particular circumstances, but this sample will give you a good place to start.

Sample Code Of Conduct

1. No drinking
2. No sex
3. Nothing illegal: in the US or host country
4. Show respect to everyone; treat others as you would want to be treated
5. Use good manners, be polite (and culturally sensitive)
6. Share all resources with others
7. Look out for each other
8. Respect everyone's (including own) space
9. Always have a buddy
10. Only go into other hotel rooms if invited and if appropriate
11. Everyone treated as adult
12. Be on time
13. Don't form exclusive groups, including toward hosts
14. Be open to differences, including beliefs and ways of life
15. Be respectful to the land
16. No whining, think before you speak
17. Stay positive
18. Always communicate feelings out loud so no one is confused
19. Identify leaders
20. Listen to everyone's opinions and ideas