

Kenya Educational Service Trips (KEST)

Form 2: Conditions of Participation

KEST Alcohol Policy:

It is KEST policy that NO ONE under the legal drinking age may consume alcohol at any time during a KEST-sponsored trip. Travelers of age may consume alcohol in moderation at the discretion of trip leaders on flights, at Spurwing Lodge (AFTER any interaction with children at Nyumbani) and at meals out. Alcohol consumption may in no way hinder traveler's ability to volunteer or impact travel arrangements in any way. Drinking ages: United States - 21, Kenya - 18, over international waters - 18.

In accordance with Nyumbani procedure, KEST travelers of any age may NOT consume any alcohol on Nyumbani property.

Violation of the KEST alcohol policy may result in early departure from Kenya at the expense of the participant, and no refund will be given. Any adult supplying or allowing alcohol consumption by a minor is also subject to this policy. This policy applies to the entire trip time, including travel to and from Kenya.

Traveler signature

Date

Traveler name (please print)

Parent(s) signature, if applicable

Date

Conditions of Participation:

1. Decorum: I understand that how I conduct myself on this trip will reflect not only on myself, but also on KEST, the group, the schools we represent, and on the United States. Thus, inappropriate behavior or poor choice of attire and verbiage must be avoided. Please refer to the KEST website for guidance on appropriate attire and packing recommendations. Should questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact KEST staff.
2. Substance Abuse, Alcohol, and Drugs: I understand that I must adhere to the alcohol policy as stated above. Additionally, I understand that the purchase and use of tobacco products are similarly restricted, as this is a non-smoking trip. I understand that even if the local culture appears to contravene any of these strictures, I will be mindful at all times of my commitment to follow these rules when on the trip.
3. Accommodations: I understand we will be rooming in unusual conditions (clean and safe, but probably different from anything previously

experienced), and that I will be rooming with one member of our group. How I conduct myself in my room and how I treat the property must all be done with the utmost consideration and thoughtfulness.

4. Personal items: What I bring on this trip is my choice, but I will be thoughtful when packing. I know valuable items cannot be guaranteed safekeeping, thus, I will avoid bringing them. Also, walkmans and MP3 players may be useful for the long flights, but once we are in the host country I will store them away. I understand that I am part of a group and must sacrifice my own immediate pleasures (such as listening to music) for the greater need to be part of our group and to be seen as welcoming and reaching out to the local community.
5. Safety: I realize this is a developing country, and while all the trip leaders will work to assure my safety, I must follow their directions. Thus, if on a given night or time they make it clear that we should not go outside the hotel rooms or grounds, then I will be sure to comply with those directions. Under no circumstances will I wander away from the group or go on a side trip. I understand that this is not a trip to explore an area on my own.
6. Finally (though we never expect this to happen, but it must be said), I understand that if any person, myself included, cannot comply with the spirit and purpose of this trip and his/her behavior continually contradicts the "Conditions of Participation," then that person will be sent home at the his/her expense.

I understand and accept my responsibility with the Conditions of Participation and enter into the trip with a full understanding of my responsibilities and with the seriousness (and the excitement!) of a trip that will be transforming for me and for others.

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