

Welcome and Thank You!

Thank you for your participation in SERVE. You are playing a significant role in the lives of students, and your role is also vital in helping the Host Team. Please read this handbook information carefully. One of the greatest blessings at a SERVE experience is when the adult leaders are all on the same page and work together with the Host Team. You will need to abide by the decisions and schedules set by the ThereforeGo SERVE Host Team.

These are the general rules that apply to all sites. These rules are outlined here and are expanded on further in the Spiritual Life Guide: Leader Edition you will be receiving. Each site will also be providing additional guidelines, both in their Welcome Letter and when you arrive at their Site.

Mission Standards

PUNCTUALITY:

Please arrive and depart at the times stated in your confirmation letter as activities are planned from the time you arrive to the time you leave. If you have questions about this, please contact the site Host Team Coordinator.

VISITORS:

Visits from family and friends while onsite are discouraged since they disrupt the continuity of the experience.

USE OF ELECTRONICS:

The use of electronics is discouraged since they can distract from what's important for the week (i.e. working and growing in Christ together). Some SERVE Sites allow you to use cellphones during free time. Others ask that you turn off or even turn in your electronics for the week. Typically, if sites have students turn off or turn in their cellphones, they allow adult leaders to keep their cellphones. Be sure you see the Welcome Letter and understand their rules before you go.

ThereforeGo Ministries is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged. Ask the Host Team Coordinator for a secure place to store valuables.

FREE TIME:

Free time, while limited, is scheduled into the daily experience. There will also be a half or whole-day away planned.

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LODGING AND MEALS:

At a SERVE Site you will typically be housed and eat in a local church or school. You may be involved in meal preparation and/or cleanup. Unless told otherwise by the Host Team, bring a sleeping bag and a single foam/air mattress.

Remember, you are a guest. Do not assume open access to the entire facility. You will be expected to keep your area neat and clean and be considerate of others.

Adults will share living quarters with students of the same gender. It is your responsibility to help get the teens into the sleeping quarters with lights out by 11:00 PM each night. The days are full of work and activities, and it is important that everyone gets proper rest.

NON-SMOKING SITES:

Smoking/vaping is prohibited. This means there will be no smoking/vaping at the worksites, at the church/school where you are staying, in the car/van while traveling to/from worksites or on the day away. This applies to both students and adults.

DISCIPLINE:

Students or adults demonstrating an uncooperative attitude or violating rules may be removed from SERVE and sent home at their own expense.

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