

Community Guidelines and Covenant

This mission trip experience will occur over the course of 6 days and 5 nights. As a result, you will be a single member of our entire group, representing two different congregations from two very different States. As part of your participation in this missionary community, all students and chaperones must agree to live with honesty, in good character, and by these basic agreements.

1. In respect for the entire group, students must agree to not engage in any behavior or discourse that appears to be an inappropriate public display of affection (PDA). This includes but is not limited to kissing, stroking, hugging, suggestive talk, and etc. Students traveling together who are in a romantic relationship are encouraged to seek personal and spiritual growth through their conversations with their cohort leader, cohort members, and trip partners.
2. Cell phones and MP3 players are welcome on the trip. They may be used in the midst of transportation to alert parents as to our current location, progress and for personal enjoyment. That being said, cell phones will not be allowed on the work site, during small group time, or other structured activities. Students should not expect to have a great deal of time to utilize their electronic devices outside of travel.
3. Parents are welcome to inquire into your student's time, but not expect their student to be available until they have access to their electronic devices following work and devotional time. Also, all matters of emergency should immediately be communicated to a trip leader, either Pastor Michael (320-266-2414) or Min. Lawrence (347-351-6280) . It is important that parents not speak to their child directly regarding emergencies as this gives the staff and leaders of the mission trip an opportunity to pastorally respond to the family and student's needs.
4. All students must agree to follow the direct instructions of any FPC leader or volunteer. If a student fails to abide by these guidelines, the staff and volunteers of First Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake reserve the right to return the student home early at the cost of the student and family.