

BEHAVIOR CONTRACT QUEBEC 2008

We are looking forward to having a FUN, SAFE and INFORMATIVE educational experience on our trip. We also want to be good ambassadors of our country and school. In order to achieve these goals, it will be critical that we follow the basic behavioral guidelines outlined in this handout. Not all 5th grade students have the maturity to travel in a school group and exercise the needed self control. If a student has experienced significant difficulty with behavior management at school resulting in multiple referrals and the need for lots of teacher monitoring, the student is probably not ready for this type of trip.

While we recognize that families differ in their behavioral expectations, we want to set a trip standard that will allow *all* students to benefit from the trip and help our Canadian hosts show us their country. Students and parents are required to review these guidelines together, discuss them and sign the contract.

1. I understand the importance of not leaving my chaperone or assigned group without permission from the chaperone. I will not leave my group without permission and will be punctual in arriving at designated meeting places.
2. I will not engage in behavior that will be offensive or dangerous to others. This includes using appropriate language, keeping my hands to myself, listening to others and respecting the property of others. Under no circumstances will I bring or use objects that could be construed as weapons.
3. I will be cooperative on the bus and airplane. I will board quickly and sit with the person that is assigned to me. I will not change seats unless I am requested to do so by a chaperone. I will visit quietly with those around me. I will keep on my seatbelt. I will listen when chaperones or tour guides are talking to the group. Electronic headsets and games will only be permitted in sleeping quarters, airplanes and on lengthy bus trips exceeding an hour. The sound levels will be turned down so that only I can hear them. Such items are my responsibility and liability.
4. I will be independent in carrying my own luggage. I understand that I need to be able to take my suitcase around the block without help. I will also be independent in maintaining my belongings and keeping them organized so I can find things and they are not in the way of others. I will take care of my own personal cleanliness (i.e., showering) without reminders.
5. When guides are talking on the bus or on tours, I will be silent.
6. I will remember that we are staying at a hotel. This means I must monitor my voice volume and activity level in order not to disturb other guests. I understand I will not use the telephones to call other guests or otherwise be disruptive in a hotel.

7. I will be mindful of being a guest in a foreign country and strive to make a good impression. I understand this means I will not climb on monuments or be disrespectful of property. I will use appropriate restaurant behavior (i.e., acceptable manners, polite actions to service people, staying seated).
8. If I am having problems that I cannot solve on my own, I will talk to a chaperone. I understand the chaperones are here to help me have a fun and safe trip.
9. I understand that I must follow chaperone requests. I agree to comply with the chaperones' directions including requests for "lights out," reduced voice volume, staying with the group, meeting times, etc.

I understand the goal of all the chaperones is to make sure that every child enjoys and learns from the trip. They anticipate giving lots of supportive reminders of the trip guidelines especially in the beginning of the trip. However, should I continuously disregard their reminders or should I commit a major violation, I understand the following will occur:

Step One: I will receive a verbal warning from a chaperone that explains the problem, clearly specifies what I need to change, and lets me know I have received a warning.

Step Two: I will be moved from my group and assigned to a free chaperone for one-to-one supervision during the day and for sleeping.

Step Three: I will not go with the group on tours and will be supervised at the hotel. Depending upon the circumstances, my parents may be notified and arrangements made for an early return.

If at ANY time I put myself or others in real danger, there will be no warning, my parents will be notified and a decision made regarding whether I remain on the trip.

I have reviewed these guidelines, and I agree to follow them.

Student

I have reviewed these guidelines with my child and emphasized their importance.

Parent

Please sign the contract and return to your chaperone. Should you have any questions, please call your Chaperone or the Chaperone Chairs: Melanie MacKinnon: 485-3125, melaniem50@gmail.com, Terrie Monroe: 434-2317, terrie.e.monroe@ei.eugene.or.us