



YALE ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS

YASC VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

“Service to others is one of the joys and responsibilities that comes with a Yale education.”

President Peter Salovey, '86 PhD

This Code of Conduct communicates the values of Yale and YASC with respect to service trips, delineates the expectations for volunteers, and the commitment by service trip volunteers to adhere to all policies and procedures.

- As a YASC volunteer, I understand that I am an ambassador for and a representative of Yale and YASC and as such, my actions will reflect the core values and mission of Yale and YASC at all times during the service trip.
- I understand that YASC, in partnership with the local host community, has identified the needs of the community and developed goals and projects for the service trip.
- I understand that I am a guest of the local community and as such I will be respectful of the local values and traditions. I will seek to learn about our host community and culture, understand our similarities and our differences, and interact without assumptions or judgment.
- I will maintain an attitude of respect, courtesy, and understanding at all times, with an open mind to new ideas and procedures.
- I will communicate my skills and project preferences to the Trip Producer and will remain flexible in any way necessary to maximize the success of the service trip and the benefit to the host community, including adapting my project plans and skills to the needs of the specific project to which I am assigned.
- I will commit to working with other volunteers as a team and will accept the guidance and leadership of the Project Leaders, the Trip Producer, and YASC staff.
- I understand that youth volunteers age 10 and above are welcome on YASC service trips, provided that I, as their parent or guardian, accompany them and they participate in their assigned service activities. All youth 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent or designated guardian, Participants under the age of 14 will be assigned to the same community service activity to which I am assigned. I am responsible for providing supervision of the youth accompanying me during the assigned service project and throughout the duration of the service trip. I will not have individuals accompany me on the service trip who are under the age of 10 or who do not participate in assigned service activities.
- I understand that participation in a YASC service trip requires a commitment of time and effort in preparation for, as well as during the trip. I will commit to using my best efforts to: respond promptly to communications from the Project Leaders and the Trip Producer; participate in orientation activities as offered prior to the trip; and read all pre-trip newsletters. I will communicate clearly with the Project Leader regarding my availability to participate in pre-trip planning and will commit to making a best effort to support my team in planning and preparation.

— I understand the expectation of volunteering with YASC entails devoting 100% of my time to the program while in the host community and will restrict my use of a cell phone to scheduled program downtime and emergencies only.

— I will strive to remain flexible and adaptable throughout the trip, to keep an open mind, and to be prepared to change my understanding and my plans as needed.

— I will communicate any concerns as needed to the Project Leaders, Trip Producer, or YASC staff.

— If a problem or misunderstanding arises between myself and other trip participants, I will:

— communicate respectfully with trip participants and attempt to resolve any problems cooperatively.

— discuss the matter with the Project Leader, Trip Producer, or YASC staff if I am not comfortable with direct communication or unable to otherwise resolve the matter.

— I understand that YASC in its sole discretion may revoke my admission or limit or terminate my participation, at my sole expense and without the refund of any service trip fees or other costs, at any time, if in YASC's opinion, my behavior, actions or condition do not align with YASC's service goals and objectives, jeopardize the success of the service trip, are disruptive, or when such an action is determined by YASC to be in the best interest of the my health and safety, or the general welfare of others.

I have read and understand the YASC Code of Conduct in its entirety and commit to following it carefully, cheerfully, and to the best of my ability, all as a condition of participation in the YASC service trip.

Name of Service Trip: _____

Date of Service Trip: _____

Signature

Date

Print Name

FOR MINORS

Name of Minor

Date

Signature of Minor

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian