



Educación para un Futuro Sostenible...Education for a Sustainable Future

MVI Student Conduct Contract and Liability Waiver

Our goal at the Monteverde Institute is to provide you with a quality educational experience in collaboration with your home institution. To make the most of your time here we take every precaution to guarantee your health, safety, and general well-being. It is important to us that you are welcome and supported by the local community.

At the same time, there is only so much that MVI staff and your course leaders can do to make sure you get the most out of this experience: you play the biggest part in making it happen. Your openness, willingness to try new things, punctuality, and collaboration are just some of the key aspects to making the program an unforgettable success.

We ask that you read each of the following points carefully, reflect on what it means and sign your initials after each one. We wish you the best experience possible and are glad to be part of your experience in Costa Rica.

This form must be completed and returned to the Monteverde Institute as a condition to course participation

Myself

Initials

1. I will always remember that I am a guest in another country, and will be respectful of customs, beliefs and values that are different from mine. Before I judge something or draw conclusions I will try to understand how and why things are done a certain way, including my own actions. _____
2. I will be flexible and open to new experiences, including new foods and activities I have never tried before. _____
3. I will be mindful of the way I dress and carry myself, remembering that I represent not only myself but my school, program, and the Monteverde Institute. _____
4. I will do my best to use Spanish as much as I can even if the program does not require it as a way to demonstrate my respect for the language and culture. _____

The Group

5. I will do my part to have activities run smoothly by:
 - a. cooperating with professors, MVI instructors and staff, and other students _____
 - b. following instructions _____
 - c. being on time _____
 - d. participating fully in all group activities _____
6. I will assist in any way I can with chores or other tasks such as moving baggage, washing dishes, or collecting equipment without being asked. _____



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- 7. I will watch out for the well-being of others in my group, including keeping an eye out for their belongings and helping them out if they are in an unusual or uncomfortable situation. _____
- 8. I will respect curfews and quiet times established by the MVI coordinator or course leaders wherever we are lodging. _____

Health, Safety and Security

- 9. I will make sure that I carry my own international health insurance and provide a copy to MVI as requested. _____
- 10. I understand that I am responsible for obtaining my passport on time and any necessary visas. _____
- 11. I will avoid putting myself and others in risky situations, including visiting unsafe places mentioned by the MVI course coordinator; engaging in high risk physical activities (such as bungee jumping); or engaging in unsafe sexual activity. _____
- 12. If I chose to consume alcohol and am of legal age I will do so responsibly. _____
- 13. I will not use illicit drugs of any kind, and am aware that doing so will mean my immediate expulsion from the program, at my own expense. _____
- 14. I will take safety precautions when going out outside of course hours, especially at night, including going out with others and/or informing the group leader or homestay family where I am going and with whom. _____
- 15. I am responsible for my own belongings and any borrowed equipment that I use during the program, and will assume the cost of any replacement or damages incurred as the result of my use. _____
- 16. I understand that I am participating in this course at my own risk, and while I am aware that the Monteverde Institute will assist me with any emergency that arises during the program, I release the Monteverde Institute from all responsibility for any accident, injury, sickness or death that may occur during my participation. _____

Printed name of participant

Signature (or signature of parent if under 18)

Date Signed

Home Institution

Program dates (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)