

ANCLA DE AMOR RULES

FOR VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

It is very important to us here at Ancla de Amor that your visit is a great blessing; not only for you, but for all those you meet here. These rules are in place for all and are to be followed. Please remember that you are to be a Christian witness to the children and those around you at all times.

1. An adult must not be alone with a minor, especially not a male with a female or vice versa.
2. Please refrain from smoking, drinking alcohol and the use of narcotics while on the premises. Smoking needs to be off-site and out of sight.
3. No obscene language.
4. Guest vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area unless permission to park elsewhere is granted. It is the driver's responsibility to follow the posted speed limits and watch for children. **THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFTY OF ANY CHILD THAT IS IN PROXIMITY OF THE VEHICLE BEING OPERATED.** There is zero tolerance for recklessness on the property of Ancla de Amor.
5. Please do not lend or let the children use your cell phones, cameras, i-pods, laptops, i-pads, etc. And please do not leave your personal belongings unattended. Ancla de Amor will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
6. For the well-being of the children, please don't ask them about their past as it can be painful for them. If they choose to tell you about it on their own accord, that is acceptable.
7. Please treat all children equally as they really notice when people choose favorites.
8. Please don't give the children expensive gifts; furthermore please ask permission before giving any sort of treat or gifts.
9. Respect the discipline of the children in the orphanage. We live with the kids 24/7 so we know the reality of their situation, their problems, their weaknesses and bad habits.
10. There are restricted areas in the orphanage. Please get permission from Brian and Clarissa, the directors, or the person in charge to enter these areas if needed.

11. Females are not to enter the boy's bedrooms and males are not to enter the girl's bedrooms (only with permission and supervision).
12. Without exception, adults must not sleep in the bedrooms of the children. This is to maintain their privacy.
13. Areas should be kept clean and orderly at all times. Remember that we are an example to the children. Also we receive visits from Social Services to check the level of order and hygiene.
14. Those that donate to the orphanage do so for the benefit of the children. Because of this, please don't help yourself to the food and beverages in the pantry and/or refrigerators.
15. Volunteers are not permitted to take any children off the orphanage property without prior consent from the Director (or designate).
16. Physical contact (roughhousing, tackling, wrestling, etc) with the older children is not allowed. With the younger children, please be mindful of the games you play with them.
17. Before engaging in any activities with the children, please obtain permission from the Director (or designate). Please don't mention your plans to the children without first getting this permission.
18. Children are preparing for bed at 7:30pm. Please refrain from interaction with them during this time.
19. Only authorized people are allowed to have keys for the orphanage or the construction site. (For those staying at the construction site, please talk to Brian)
20. Before making any decisions concerning the orphanage, please talk to Brian first.
21. For any enquiries, please talk to the management.
22. Please remember that you are a guest working at the invitation of your hosts. We do not have all the dietary luxuries you may be accustomed to but we will provide nutritious meals from the local food available.
23. Each team member brings their own background, ideas and experience, however, it is important that the decisions made by those in charge are respected. Please refrain from criticizing or complaining if things are not done the way you are used to. Present your opinions only to your team leader.

24. Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals and teammates.
25. Refrain from gossip.
26. Refrain from complaining. Travel and cross-cultural experiences can present numerous unexpected challenges. I will strive to be supportive. (Phil 2:14)
27. Refrain from wearing halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, crop tops, low cut shirts, shorts above mid-thigh, or skirts above the knee. Men must refrain from going bare back in front of women and children.
28. I accept that contact with friends and family members at home may be limited to emergency situations only.
29. I will be removed from the property if I do not adhere to the rules of Ancla de Amor.

When you arrive at Ancla de Amor you will be required to sign this document for our records to show that you are in agreement to these rules and that you will obey them.

Name of Volunteer: _____

Date You Arrive at Ancla de Amor: _____

Date You Depart from Ancla de Amor: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____

I have read and understand the rules stated on all three pages of this document. I commit to following these rules and in addition strive to be a Christian witness to everyone I am in contact with at Ministerios Ancla de Amor.

_____ Signature of Volunteer