

Expectations and Rules for Living in Community

MMP is committed to creating a community within our participants and the community that where they work.

Remember that we are guests in another country. We want have grown accustomed to our own culture, customs and lifestyle. Living with a group of other people in another country means we should expect that life will be different than our lives at home. Mexico is a much more conservative country. We have to respect those differences. It also means that we each have to do things a certain way and at a certain time. These guidelines help us support one another so that all MMP participants can focus more on God and service and less on our individual needs.

The MMP staff has overall responsibility for all activities of the camp. Please show respect and cooperate with all directives and requests.

Adult counselors are responsible at all times for the safety of the youth under their care.

Only adult counselors are allowed to drive vehicles at MMP and are expected to follow all traffic laws, including speed limits. Seatbelts are **REQUIRED** for all passengers.

We expect everyone at MMP, including counselors, ready to participate in all activities. Adult counselors will be assigned to guide campers in various activities, to aid in keeping the facilities clean and functioning smoothly.

All participants are expected to eat the three meals a day that MMP provides. Hard work requires well fueled bodies; MMP is not a time for dieting. There is a place on medical forms to indicate special dietary needs. Churches are strongly discouraged from bringing junk food to MMP. Work teams will be asked not to make stops on the way back from work sites to buy junk food. Healthy snacks will be available.

Mexico Mission Project does not tolerate sexual harassment, abusive language or behavior, or discrimination of any type.

Males and females will sleep in separate groups. No activity is allowed after "lights out."

Taking pictures or recording videos or sound of the host family may be done only with their permission.

General work/repair hours are from 9am-3pm with an hour off for lunch at the work site and break times for safety and rest. If one member leaves a community home work site for any reason, all members must also leave. This does not include local churches.

We have the option of sending any camper home who does not adhere to the MMP rules. Adult counselors and parents are responsible for working out transportation home for anyone who is asked to leave before the end of the week, at the expense of the parent.

Dress Code

Mexican custom observes conservative dress standards. Our dress code reflects this. It is important to remember that we are their guests. The MMP staff would rather help both youth and adult participants have a meaningful service and faith experience than to be forced to confront them about how they are dressed. **We expect everyone to honor and respect their dress code - it's only for one week.**

The following are **not allowed at any time, including bedtime**: sleeveless tops, tank tops, halter tops, half or crop tops. Bare midriffs are not acceptable. This includes tying up t-shirts.

T-shirts must not be offensive or display any slogan or artwork which includes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or obscenities.

NO SHORT SHORTS. Thrift store jeans cut off at mid-thigh work great and are more protective when sitting on hot roofs and the ground. Shorts must not “**sag**” either. The waist of all clothing must be worn at the waist. Underclothes is just that – wear it **UNDER** your clothes.

Garments at the Work Site

Closed shoes (work boots or tennis shoes) must be worn at the work site - no sandals or open-toed shoes.

Long pants are not required at the work site but will be more comfortable and protective for many jobs.