

EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES FORM

45th Texas Government-in-Action Youth Tour – June 10-18, 2010

Download a copy of the Consent Form here: [Expectations Form](#)

You MUST download, complete (including notarization) and return this form by March 19, 2010.

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You were selected by your sponsoring electric cooperative to join the 45th Texas Government-in-Action Youth Tour because you have measured up to the highest standards of leadership and behavior. You will be representing your local cooperative, all the cooperatives in Texas, your local community and the State of Texas from the kick-off banquet to the return flight home. You have a responsibility to yourself and others to meet the following expectations.

Have a positive attitude and remain flexible. The nature of travel, combined with the size of our group, will mean constant adjustments. How you react to these adjustments will have a lot to do with what this experience will mean to you in the end. Remember, no matter what happens, you choose the quality of your days. Stay flexible and enjoy every minute of this experience.

Be punctual. The schedule is super-tight. We want to experience as much as we can so wear a watch and be on time!

Participate in all planned activities. No one may leave the group at any time unless authorized by the tour director. There should always be at least three people in a group at all times.

Adhere to the dress code, which includes wearing your name badge, at all times during the Youth Tour.

CURFEW: Be in your hotel room by curfew each night. Curfew is 10:30 p.m. No exceptions unless approved by the Youth Tour director.

Room Checks: Each night after curfew, chaperones will be doing room checks, and they must see everyone assigned to each room. Chaperones will go over the schedule for the following day, do a general check on how the day was and check to see if you have any concerns or questions.

Rooms: We have blue rooms and pink rooms, and never shall they be purple. In other words, under no circumstance shall guys enter girls' rooms or girls enter guys' rooms. If this happens there will be no questions asked, participants will be sent home at the expense of their parents.

Dress Codes: Each participant will follow the dress code as outlined in the Dress Code Memo.

Photo ID: All participants must have a Photo ID (a Driver's License or a school Photo ID).

Hotel: Remain at the hotel at all times except when you are participating in planned activities. You may not leave the hotel to visit relatives or friends.

Hotel Property: While we all will be bringing home souvenirs, be sure they are not hotel property. Also, treat hotel property with care: Any damage of hotel property will result in payment of damages by

participant and an immediate trip home at the expense of your parents.

Participants may not possess or use alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, weapons such as firearms, fireworks, knives or any other type of weapon. If you carry a pocket knife you will want to leave it at home for this trip. Security is tight in Washington, and you will be going through security checkpoints frequently.

Respect the rights of others: You will share a room with two or more Youth Tour delegates, and will be expected to be tolerant of any differences. After curfew, you will be expected to stay in your room, be ready for bed and reasonably quiet so others may sleep.

Participants will, when sightseeing in groups without direct supervision of a chaperone, return to the designated gathering point on or before the time indicated by the tour director.

Participants should immediately report to the tour director or chaperone any activities/statements made by other participants that may endanger the healthy/safety of the group.

Participants who violate local, state or federal laws will be turned over to the appropriate legal authorities for prosecution.

Participants will abide by any and all verbal instructions issued by the tour director, staff and/or chaperones.

Lost Items: It will be the responsibility of each participant to keep up with their personal belongings.

Cell phones: Cell phones are permitted and are a good way to stay in touch during the tour. It is important, however, that each participant is attentive during touring hours; therefore, cell phone use should be limited. Cell phones may be used while in your hotel rooms or when we have free time. During room check, all cell phones should be turned off and/or conversations ended while your chaperone is in the room. Be respectful of your roommates and limit your conversation in the evening. Cell phone use will be monitored and phones will be confiscated if guidelines are not followed.

Participants who do not abide by these rules may, at the discretion of the tour director, be sent home in the most expeditious manner at the expense of their parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

We have read and understand the expectations (including dress code) of (youth name) _____ as a participant in the Government-in-Action Youth Tour and agree to abide them.

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____