

# GENERAL GUIDELINES

## DRESS CODE AND CONDUCT

As a general guide concerning dress code, modesty is the key word. Please keep in mind that in a teaching capacity, you are setting an example for your students. You will find that many of the children are very “street wise.” For this reason and for the overall safety of the children:

- (1) Missionaries will not wear tank tops, low necklines, or sleeveless shirts, as there will be many times when you will be in very close contact with the children.
- (2) Short shorts are not permitted! Your fingertips must be able to touch the hemline of your shorts when your arms are straight down by your side. The DTI staff reserves the right to refuse access to the mission site to any missionary we deem inappropriately dressed.
- (3) Men should at no time go shirtless – this includes on and off the mission sites, except when swimming at the hotel pool.
- (4) Shoes shall be worn at all times on mission sites as well as in transport to and from the sites. Sandals or other open-toed or open-backed shoes are not appropriate on the mission site at any time. We want to avoid any cuts which could become infected.
- (5) Good personal hygiene is a must!!
- (6) Make-up should be kept to a minimum. The best solution for hair styles is to pull longer hair back from the face. This will also greatly reduce the chance of getting head lice. Hats are perfectly acceptable for males or females.
- (7) There are no earrings, necklaces, or other jewelry allowed on the mission site. It is very easy during the work day, or play time with the kids, to lose or break something that might be valuable to you. Also, we do not want you to draw any unnecessary attention to yourself in the neighborhood. Wedding rings (not engagement rings) and watches are acceptable.
- (8) T-shirts (or other clothing) with “dark messages” or advertising secular music groups, alcohol, WWF, or tobacco are unacceptable. Simply put, any t-shirt promoting unhealthy products, lifestyles, or anti-Christian messages are not acceptable. T-shirts demonstrating the love of God or His sacrifice for us are very appropriate. However, bold Christian T-shirt messages may also be unacceptable... What we call “turn or burn” slogans or explicit pictures, regardless of the validity of the message, are offensive to some of the people with whom you will be working. We find no reason to needlessly offend, which may stand in the way of demonstrating the love of Jesus so they might begin to experience the healing of God.
- (9) For Water Day at Cottage Cove, missionaries must wear a T-Shirt and shorts over bathing suits. Please plan for Water Day by wearing dark or colored T-Shirts and shorts that do not become “see-through” when wet.

Common sense is the key issue while at DTI. Following the schedules and building restrictions is very important. Other considerations include:

- (1) Your personal belongings are your responsibility. Please keep track of valuable items at all times. Do not assume that a locked vehicle or locked room will keep your items safe.
- (2) Please adhere strictly to ALL restrictions set by the hotel.
- (3) No public display of affection (PDA) between unmarried couples.
- (4) Please refrain from using negative language at all times (i.e. shut-up, stupid).

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