

Youth Covenant

Please read the following Youth Covenant. Each Student on the mission trip needs to sign this covenant as well as their parents/guardian.

In order to have a safe and life- changing mission experience, clear expectations are needed between all who are involved. We desire to serve our reservation community without bringing them any harm. As a result, we ask all participants of S.L.A.M. TRIPS to agree to the following expectations in accordance with the purpose of a S.L.A.M. TRIPS mission trip.

The goal of the covenant is to ensure the knowledge of S.L.A.M. TRIPS policies, solidify your commitment to your group, and demonstrate your respect of our Indian community that you will be serving.

- Because I want to truly help others as Yeshua did, I agree to bring a servant, joyful attitude. I understand that I am on the trip to serve Creator, to serve the Yakama Nation community, build new relationships, and learn new things. I agree to come prepared to do so!
- Because I am aware that my actions have consequences beyond myself, I agree to obey all local laws and ordinances pertaining to use of drugs and alcohol by minors. I will not bring weapons, illegal substances or use illegal substances on any S.L.A.M. TRIPS.
- Because I want nothing to distract me in this short week of serving others and because valuables will be susceptible to theft, I understand that I am not to bring to the site an iPod, Discman, electronic games, lap top, mp3 player, portable DVD player or any other devices that could potentially isolate me from those around me.
- Because I want to remain focused on the people and experiences of the Yakama Nation, and out of respect for the policies of S.L.A.M. TRIPS program and partners, I will consider leaving my cell phone at home. If I choose to bring my cell phone, I understand that I will only be allowed to use it during approved times and that I will also risk theft or loss. I understand that my parents will be given instructions on how to contact my adult leaders in the event that they need to reach me.
- Because I am coming and returning with a group, I agree that this mission week is a group experience. I will do my best to build community, create relationships, be welcoming, and include others. I agree to treat everyone- leaders, staff, other groups, and community members- with the utmost respect.
- Because I know that how I treat people's things makes a statement, I agree that I will respect the property of all participants, the community members, and the church building in which we stay. I will conduct myself as a follower of the Jesus Way at all times, remembering the purpose of the trip and my responsibility of respect toward the Yakama Nation community.
- Because I know my parents and leaders care about my well-being, and because I want to be safe, I agree to stay within the designated S.L.A.M. TRIPS boundaries, stay in groups of three or more, respect gender specific areas (sleeping rooms, restrooms and

showers) and refrain from using my cell phone in these areas due to privacy concerns, follow rules and communicate with my group.

- Because I know that I am a follower of The Jesus Way and want to respect the people around me, I agree to follow the clothing policy. I understand that the way I dress can affect my ministry and I will respect my group, the community, and myself by dressing modestly.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**SLAM TRIPS COMMUNITY SERVICE
PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/PERMISSION FORM**

I give permission for _____ to work as a SLAM Trips' volunteer. I am aware that he/she will be volunteering in the home of an elder, or adult with disabilities providing in-home chore assistance (such as housework, laundry, shopping, yard work, debris removal, or minor home repair.) I understand that he/she is registered, covered by insurance and will attend an orientation before beginning volunteer work.

Volunteer's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date