

LB4C Team Covenant

At LB4C and the Open Heavens Property we desire that the members of your team have a life changing experience. We will do what we can to make that happen. We do ask, however, that your team make every effort to be culturally sensitive to our community. We ask that each member of your team read our covenant and sign.

- Cultural awareness: Nicaraguans are proud of their culture and take pride in what they have. It is essential that visiting teams do what they can to minimize cultural barriers. Remember that you are coming to learn. If you are visiting and see something you feel is inefficient or close-minded please resist the temptation to “tell them how we do it”, Instead sit back and learn. Often the best solutions come from learning together.
- Most teams will spend time walking in the community and visiting families. Please try to avoid gawking or staring. You may not be able to speak the language of the people here, but body language speaks volumes. Please also be sensitive when taking photos and ask permission.
- Inappropriate contact: We do not support one on one time among members of the opposite sex especially with our students and our community. Likewise, in our Team House only males are allowed in the male rooms and females in the female rooms.
- Gifts: We do not support directly giving money or personal items to members of our community. We are open to gifts, however, we ask that you approach one of our staff before making a public display. We do not want to create an environment in which our community expects gifts from the “gringos” every time we have a team. Our focus is to empower this community, not create a dependent/expectant relationship.
- Team house:
 - Only team members, staff, and translators should be in or near our team house. This is for your protection
 - All food items must remain in the kitchen or dining areas. No food in the dorm rooms.
 - Food should be stored in the refrigerator or in plastic bins.
 - Please do not directly feed the animals on the property. If there are scraps available we can give these to Ramon (our groundskeeper) and let him feed the animals. Please be mindful of hungry eyes watching. We do not want to give the appearance of wasting food.
 - Please put compost (veggie/fruit scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells) in the compost bin under the sink.
 - Do not flush feminine hygiene products
 - Be mindful and clean up after yourself, put away dishes, etc
 - Please do not leave the property after 6 pm unless it is with a member of our staff.
- Behavior: Please remember that as our guest you are a representative of us in this community. Please be mindful and respectful of our reputation. It can take years to repair the damage that a few moments can bring.

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____