

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 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 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 any missionary we deem inappropriately dressed access to the mission site.
- (3) Men should at no time go shirtless – this includes on and off the mission sites. If applicable, a possible exception may be when swimming at the hotel pool.
- (4) Shoes shall be worn at all times on mission sites and in transport to and from the sites. Sandals or other open-toed or open-backed shoes are not appropriate on the mission site apart from Water Day activities. 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 hairstyles is to pull long hair back from the face. This will also significantly reduce the chance of getting head lice. Hats are perfectly acceptable for males or females.
- (7) No earrings, necklaces, or other jewelry are allowed on the mission site. It is easy to lose or break something valuable to you during the work day or playtime with the kids. This also avoids drawing unnecessary attention to yourself in the neighborhood. Wedding rings (not engagement rings), small earring studs, 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 is inappropriate. 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 message’s validity, are potentially and unnecessarily offensive to some of the people you will be working with. 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 vital while at DTI. Following the schedules and building restrictions is very important. Other considerations include the following:

- (1) Your personal belongings are your responsibility. Please keep track of valuable items at all times. A locked vehicle or room will not necessarily keep your belongings 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).