

**Winston-Salem Grand Western Tours, Inc.**  
**330 Bluff Lane**  
**Salisbury, NC 28146-7449**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Preamble:** The Western Tour exposes young men and women to a wealth of educational, physical and entertainment opportunities. Participants are allowed to visit and tour a number of cities and attractions with varying degrees of adult supervision. In order to permit participants to fully enjoy their experience, and to maximize the safety and enjoyment of other participants, each participant is expected to act responsibly, to follow all laws and applicable regulations, and to conduct themselves with courtesy and consideration for other participants and in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

Participants and their parents understand and agree that during the Tour, Tour Staff and chaperones stand in the position of parents and may exercise all rights and legal privileges granted to persons standing in this position. For instance, Tour Staff and chaperones are authorized to question participants about their conduct and activities, to search participants' bags, and possessions, and to discipline participants who violate the Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to, restricting the activities of participants. For certain offenses, participants may be excluded from the remainder of the Tour and sent home. By signing the Rules and Regulations form and participating in the Grand Western Tour, participants and their parents agree that these rules and provisions are reasonable, proper, and necessary and that they will support the Tour chaperones regarding supervision and enforcement of the Rules and Regulations.

### **General Rules:**

1. Tour Staff and chaperones must be obeyed at all times.
2. Tour participants will not lie to staff, steal property belonging to others or physically or verbally abuse other participants or use profanity.
3. Curfew must be observed. "Curfew" means checking in at the appointed times, both day and night. It also means that after being given a set time to be in the assigned room at night in preparation for bed, no one, under any circumstances, is to leave his or her room without permission of a staff member. "Lights Out" (approximately one hour after curfew) must be observed.

4. Rooms must be left in good order, with utmost consideration for others' property.
5. Tour participants will be required to be in groups of three or four for social activities, sightseeing and recreation. For the sake of safety, on some occasions the groups may be enlarged with prior permission from Tour Staff or chaperones to comprise five or more members.
6. Tour members shall not ride in any automobile other than those approved in advance by Tour Staff or chaperones.
7. Tour members must obtain clearance from Tour Staff or Chaperones prior to leaving the group at any time to visit with friends or relatives. Permission for any such visits is contingent on parents' specific written request having been received by the Tour Staff prior to the start of the Tour. (See "Visiting" under General Conditions in the brochure.)
8. Cell phones are permitted when the participants are not on a bus or engaged in group activities. Cell phones are permitted during free time only. The main purpose of the trip is to experience new people and places.
9. The following misconduct and offenses will result in immediate and automatic dismissal and separation from the Tour:
  - a. Purchase, possession, or use of any alcoholic beverage in any form and to any degree.
  - b. Purchase, possession or use of any non-prescribed drug or drug paraphernalia. Drug paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, pipes, rolling papers, syringes, or other implements normally utilized to ingest or administer drugs. Drugs include marijuana, cocaine, diet drugs, ephedrine, stimulants or depressants of any kind. The only exceptions to this rule are physician prescribed medications for which written explanation and permission has been provided to the Tour Staff prior to the start of the Tour. ***(Given the national epidemic of cough syrup abuse by young people, participants may not purchase or possess cough syrup, cough drops, cough pills or other cough medicines without a written directive from the participant's licensed physician. Even in instances where a physician has provided the chaperones with such a prescription, it will be deemed a violation of these rules for a participant having such a prescription to give, sell or share such medicines to any other trip participants.)***
  - c. Purchase, possession or use of cigarettes or any other tobacco products.
  - d. Visiting at any time, day or night, in the room of a member of the opposite sex.
  - e. Leaving one's room after curfew, for any reason whatsoever, other than for a medical or physical emergency.

- f. Purchase, possession or use of weapons or fireworks of any kind at any time. This prohibition includes firecrackers, whips, switchblade knives – even if legally sold.
  - g. Shoplifting and/or theft in any degree.
  - h. Use of false identification.
  - i. Lying to a Tour chaperone or staff member regarding the investigation of participant misconduct.
10. The determination of misconduct and the discipline to be enforced by Tour Staff and chaperones shall be conclusive and final. Each Tour participant and his/her parents understand and agree that Tour Staff and chaperones are fully authorized and empowered to determine, in their discretion, what appropriate disciplinary measures are for violation of Tour Rules and Regulations, up to and including separation from the Tour.
11. In the event that the Tour Staff and chaperones determine that the appropriate disciplinary measure for participant misconduct is dismissal and separation from the Tour, Tour Staff shall determine the most efficient means of transport home for the participant and their decision in this regard shall be conclusive and binding on the participant and his/her parents. Normally Tour Staff and chaperones shall purchase an airline ticket, at the lowest available fare given the location of the Tour and the other current and future activities of the Tour. Tour participants and their parents, by their execution of this form, acknowledge and agree that participants may travel un-chaperoned on airlines in the event they are separated and dismissed from the Tour. Further, if a Tour participant is dismissed and separated from the Tour, parents shall reimburse the Tour for any expenses incurred by the Tour in transporting an offending participant home, including long distance toll charges in contacting parents to advise them of the participant's misconduct and arrangements for transport home.
12. In the event a participant is dismissed from the Tour, no refund shall be paid to the participant or his/her parents.
13. Parents of participants shall provide the Tour Staff and chaperones, prior to the beginning of the Tour, a phone number or numbers where parents may be reached at all times. Parents shall also provide the Tour Staff and chaperones with the phone number for a close family friend or family member who may be contacted in the event Parents are not available at the numbers provided so that the Tour Staff may advise someone of disciplinary action being taken as a result of participant misconduct.

**In consideration of inclusion in the Tour and the privilege of participation in the Grand Western Tour, the undersigned participant and his/her parents release, acquit and discharge from any liability the Winston-Salem Grand Western Tour and its employees and agents (including the Tour Director, Tour Staff and chaperones) from any and all claims for negligence arising from any accident or injury sustained by a participant or from dismissal from the Tour for misconduct.**

**By signing below, the undersigned applicant/participant and his/her parents acknowledge that they have each fully and carefully read the foregoing Rules and Regulations and agree to them completely. Further, the undersigned agree that they understand that violation of Rules may result in immediate dismissal from the Tour and transportation home.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Applicant**

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*Applicant's Printed Name*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Applicant's Father**

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*Father's Printed Name*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Applicant's Mother**

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*Mother's Printed Name*