

Nicaragua Summer Exchange (Parent copy)

Terms & Conditions - Summer 2010

Nicaragua Summer Exchange Program is hereafter referred as NSEP . The submission of a Participant Application along with payment indicates that the applicant, and his/her parent or legal guardian, has read, fully understands and accepts NSEP's Terms and Conditions, outlined below, as well as the understandings outlined in the Participant Application.

Enrollment:

To enroll, a student must be age 15 by program start date, and have completed one year of Spanish study. Applicants may enroll on a NSEP travel program at any time by submitting a completed Participant Application signed by both the applicant and his/her parents or legal guardian. Payment is accepted in the form of a check or money order made payable to Nicaragua Summer Exchange. *We confirm receiving your application and send first program pre-departure information. The Program has filled enrollment the past ten years!*

Dates to Remember:

April 5: Final Payment is due

After April 5, applications must include full payment, \$3950.00

May 25: Final departure information is sent.

Summer 2010 Program dates: 1st session June 13 - July 10, 2nd session July 11 - August 7

Program Tuition: \$3950.00 (includes \$400 application fee)

Tuition includes:

- ! Round trip airfare from major U.S. and Canada cities, we provide a flight chaperone at the gateway city departure gate. (Note airfare policy below)
- ! Full supervision, In -country Bilingual director and support staff (Staff to student ratio 1:4)
- ! Overseas medical and evacuation insurance, on site program doctor
- ! All private land transports including Nicaragua airport pick-up/departure
- ! Free telephone and e-mail service for students, toll free 24 hr. parents to director call service
- ! All hotel lodging and home-stays: including (all meals, laundry, purified water), language and cultural sessions, Spanish tutoring, community service, cultural events, Latin music and dance appreciation, high school events, all supervised excursions.

Airfare Policy Update: *We have no control over the on-going price and scheduling changes with the Airlines, we include round trip airfare in the program tuition as a service to parents and students who prefer our group flight with an adult chaperone. Our 2010 program tuition includes airfare, if for any reason airfare should dramatically increase we will notify parents of a possible surcharge. We make no profit from the airfare!*

Not included in program price:

- ! Your Passport fees. (No visa required)
- ! Nicaragua customs entry fee (approx. \$5.00).
- ! Please note: NSEP provides round-trip airfare to Nicaragua from most major (continental U.S.) cities. In case a student needs an additional connecting flight or the departure city inflates dramatically the cost of the flight there could be a slight increase in the program price. If that is the case students and parents will be notified.
- ! Expenses caused by airline re-scheduling or delays.
- ! Any expense incurred as a result of any deviation whatsoever from the program dates.
- ! Any items of a strictly personal nature. Medicines, eating in restaurants, gifts, etc.

Student Activities: Because of the student-oriented nature of NSEP program, traveling with NSEP is not recommended for anyone who is not in good health, is not able to walk long distances, climb hills or stairs, carry luggage or participate in activities as stated in the program description. Students will need the maturity to follow instructions and adapt to the challenges of a new community and culture.

Cancellation Policy: Summer 2010

Participants who wish to cancel their space on a NSEP travel program must mail or e-mail a written notification to NSEP. The following refund schedule applies: a. \$400 Application fee is refundable before January 2nd, b. All moneys paid minus a \$400 cancellation fee are refundable between January 2nd to April 5th, c. All moneys paid minus a \$1800 cancellation fee and all penalties incurred by NSEP from its suppliers including, without limitation, air carriers, hotels, are refundable from April 5th to May 15th, d. All moneys paid minus a \$2200 cancellation fee and all penalties incurred by NSEP from its suppliers including, without limitation, air carriers, hotels, are refundable from May 16th until Program Start date. e. No refunds can be made after program start date. Note: There are no refunds for meals, accommodations, transportation, activities or any other services missed by the participant once the travel program has begun.

Home-stays:

NSEP four weeks in Granada : Home-stay accommodations are based on one student sharing a private room or semi-private in the home of a local host family. All host family changes are the sole responsibility of the NSEP Director. Host families are fully screened, trained and inspected on a weekly basis. All host families provide a healthy home environment, including room, home cooked meals, laundry, purified water and juices. Our host families are well known locally and provide a unique opportunity to experience typical daily life in Central America. Host families are in daily contact with the Program Director in all aspects of health and welfare. Students are responsible for honoring host family rules and curfews. Living with a host family is both rewarding and challenging, your language skills will be put to good use, as well as your adaptability skills. You will after-all be immersed in a totally new cultural environment.

Dismissal from a NSEP travel program

NSEP reserves the right to dismiss, without any refund, any participant who fails to maintain our program standards of conduct, including alcohol use, breaking curfews, or engaging in illegal or disruptive conduct. Maintaining a safe program in Nicaragua requires full cooperation and respect for program rules, nothing less will be acceptable. The expense for sending a student home is \$250.00 plus airline charges. NSEP maintains full authority in all judgments regarding student safety and behavior. Please note: We take the program rules very seriously, this program is only for mature and responsible young adults who understand the importance of fostering a positive image within the Granada community. Please do not enroll in this program any youth with alcohol, drug or behavior problems.

Overseas Medical and Medicines

All participants traveling from the United States to Nicaragua are covered by NSEP international accident, sickness and evacuation insurance policy. a. Medical and dental expenses resulting from accidental injury or sickness up to \$50,000 per incident. b. Emergency medical evacuation to home and/or hospital up to \$25,000. NSEP provides an on-site program doctor for minor illnesses. Medicines and prescription fees are the responsibility of each student. All students should have a medical and dental check-up before program start date.

Safety

The safety program was structured to provide appropriate high school supervision and support. Students receive a detailed in-country orientation on program guidelines, expectations, safety, and local culture. If you have any concerns or questions please forward them.

Transportation (Air, Land)

NSEP students primarily depart for Nicaragua aboard American Airlines through Miami International Airport. Parents provide their son/daughter with transportation to their departing city, NSEP provides a Program Chaperone at the connecting flight (Miami). Upon arrival in country, students are welcomed by program staff. (Flight time from Miami 2hrs - 15min). NSEP provides all in country ground transportation by modern, climatized coach or mini-coach. NSEP never travels by road at night or during inclement weather. NSEP never uses local public transportation unless its part of a (local) cultural experience and is chaperoned by our staff.

Passports

It is the full responsibility of each participant to obtain a passport. Passport expiration date must be at least 6 months after program start date. Applying for a passport takes approximately six weeks. Nicaragua does not require a visa for U.S. students.

Pre-Departure Materials (sent via e-mail)

NSEP will e-mail pre-departure materials approximately 90 days prior to departure. Airline finalized itinerary details are sent to the participant's home approx 20 days before departure . Pre-departure information covers program guidelines, safety rules, medical issues, home-stay, culture and language, community, communication during program, insurance, packing suggestions.

Community:

Not only will you be living with a new family, you will be part of a new community! In addition to attending the local high school, you will have plenty of time to explore Granada and its cozy colonial neighborhoods. Afternoons we participate in our youth exchange that contributes to the needs of local children's programs. Interacting in the community will provide you with endless opportunities to improve your Spanish and experience the excitement of making many new friends.

Culture:

The Nicaragua culture is colorful, outgoing and passionate! Like most of Latin America, Nicaraguan families endure difficult economic times, not only can you expect to be embraced into the excitement of local culture but also expect to understand firsthand the many challenges faced by our neighboring American countries. Dance, art, local cuisine, and community traditions, are a daily part of the Granada, Nicaragua immersion experience! Granada is a community of close knit families and neighbors proud of their colonial history and local traditions.

Cancellation of a Travel Program

NSEP reserves the right to cancel a student travel program at any time due to events beyond its control, including without limitation, Acts of God, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence or terrorism, weather, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulation. If such a cancellation occurs, the participants and parents will be notified. If NSEP cancels a travel program before program start date, student tuition is refunded according to our refund schedule provided above in 2010 Cancellation Policy. No refunds are provided after the program's start date. Since 1998 no programs have been cancelled!

(No promises, inducements, agreements or representations apply unless expressly stated in NSEP's Terms and Conditions or in a letter signed by a NSEP Officer. The agreement between NSEP and the participant is binding upon the participant's receipt of the travel program confirmation and is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Wisconsin).

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