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## Central America Immersion Travel Contract

### Facilitating Communication, Enhancing Efficiency, Connecting People!

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ("Participant") have enrolled in the **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC** ("CGI") trip to Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua in January, February June, or July 20\_\_\_. By signing below, I understand and agree to the following terms.

1. All payments that CGI receives for the 20\_\_\_ Spanish for Educators trip are non-refundable. If, for unforeseen circumstances I cannot participate in this trip, I understand that CGI cannot refund any deposits I have made.

2. Your payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ includes:

- Lodging with a host family for the duration of your stay (except optional weekend excursions)
- Language school tuition, course materials and extracurricular activities. 20 hours of language instruction per week.
- Two meals a day in Costa Rica, while staying with your host family you will be responsible for your own lunches.
- Three meals a day in Nicaragua with your host family.
- Volunteer work and associated fees
- Travel Medical Insurance

3. What you are financially responsible for:

- Your round trip flights to and from Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua
- Some meals (lunches during the week in Costa Rica and any meals on optional excursions)
- Additional baggage fees as determined by airlines
- All expenses related to optional tours (waterfall rappel, coffee tour, etc...)
- If you participate in optional excursions with a driver and/or guide, you should expect to budget some extra tip for those excursions as well.
- Airport Exit tax of approximately \$29.00 (depends on if this is included in your airline)
- Ground Exit tax at Nicaragua/Costa Rica border of approximately \$14 (if applicable)
- Laundry services (if necessary) while in Nica
- Souvenirs

4. I agree to participate in the pre-departure informational session, dates to be determined at a later date.

By signing below I affirm that I have read, I understand, and I agree to the above travel terms,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Participant Name (Please Print)

Address and Tel. No.

**Common Ground International, LLC: Central America Immersion Trip 20\_\_****PARTICIPANT LIABILITY WAIVER FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ("Participant") have enrolled in the **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC** ("CGI") trip to Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua in January, February June, or July 20\_\_.

1. Travel may be arranged by **CGI**, a travel agent, or myself; and that all transportation and services are subject to the laws of the countries visited. All prices are based on current tariffs and current exchange rates and are subject to confirmation and adjustment.
2. I acknowledge that international travel involves risks which include the potential for death, serious bodily injury, or property loss.
3. I agree to hold harmless **CGI**, including its officers, agents, employees, representatives, and successors, from any liability arising from my participation in the Central America trip including without limitation any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from use of a vehicle or other services arising from:
  - a. strikes, war, weather, quarantine, sickness, terrorists actions, government restrictions, or regulations; or
  - b. any act or omission of any ship, airline, railroad, sight-seeing, hotel, transportation company; or
  - c. any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers; or
  - d. any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any employee of any of these suppliers; or
  - e. any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers; or
  - f. any wrongful or negligent acts or omissions on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control, direct or otherwise, of **CGI**, its officers or agents; or
  - g. any self directed/planned activities/travel that I choose to undertake before, during, or after the trip.
4. I realize that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained or controlled by them or because of their possible liability without fault.
5. In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this trip, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:
  - (A) Waive, Release and Discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC; RORY FOSTER, LESLIE FOSTER, COSTA RICA ONSITE COORDINATOR**; and
  - (B) Indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this event, whether caused by the negligence of releases or otherwise.

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6. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during this event.
  7. I understand that the **CGI** trip reserves the right, in its sole discretion to cancel or discontinue the trip (in which event refund of deposit may be made) or to make such alternations in the itinerary as is necessary or desirable.
  8. I agree that I will be fully responsible for my luggage and personal effects; provide the Trip Director with all my personal travel arrangements, medical insurance arrangements while a member of the Trip; and provide the Trip Director with complete information if I make accommodation changes.
  9. This Participant Liability Waiver Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. I hereby certify that I have read this document; and, I understand its content.
  10. Any and all disputes arising from or relating (in any way) to this trip shall be subject to the laws of the State of Colorado and shall resolved exclusively pursuant to binding arbitration at the Office of Dispute Resolution in Denver, Colorado pursuant to the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator's decision and award shall be binding upon both parties. No court shall have any subject matter jurisdiction for any suit at law or in equity based on any dispute, claim or controversy arising from or relating (in any way) to the CGI Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua trip instituted by either party, except to enforce the award of the arbitrator.

**THIS IS A LEGAL INSTRUMENT WHICH AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. IF NOT UNDERSTOOD, CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL BEFORE SIGNING.**

By signing below, I acknowledge I have had the opportunity to consult legal counsel and agree to the above conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address and Tel. No.

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## Central America Behavior Contract:

We are looking forward to traveling with you in Central America. Our goals for you on this immersion experience are to learn, have fun, and stay safe. In order to make this possible, we require your compliance with our Behavior Policy:

As a program participant, you are representing the United States, Common Ground International, and your home institution or university. We expect your behavior to reflect that responsibility. This means exercising good judgment, and keeping in mind that you are in another country and must be respectful of the local culture.

Your behavior should in no way endanger yourself or anyone else. If you experience a conflict or have a problem that you are unable to handle, we expect you to bring it to the attention of the onsite Common Ground staff that are more than willing to help. Certain activities will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from the program and subsequent return to the United States at the participant's expense. Such activities include:

- Falling out of contact with the student group, CGI reps and/or your host family
- Neglecting program obligations such as attending class and community service work
- Use of illegal drugs
- Excessive use of alcohol, such that it consistently impairs your judgment
- Any action that endangers or could potentially endanger others

While we do not anticipate any such problems, we wish to make our policy clear.

***I clearly understand and agree to abide by the conditions of the Central America Behavior Contract.***

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Participant Signature

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Participant Name (printed)

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Date

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**MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC

PO Box 174

Lafayette, CO 80026

COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC has requested permission to use my name, biographical or occupational description, phrases regarding me (or incidents or anecdotes concerning me substantially as set forth in an attachment which is made a part of this release), portrait, picture, likeness, or voice or any or all of them, in a recording, videotape, television production or reproduction, sound track recording, film strip, still photograph, CD-ROM, DVD, podcast, on an Internet site, blog, vlog, or other social media site or site with user-generated content including but not limited to YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter, in a printed publication or otherwise.

I hereby grant to COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC, its successors, assigns and anyone acting under its authority or permission the right to make originals where appropriate and to use for any lawful purpose (including publicity and other trade purposes) throughout the world and reproduce at any time in any form or manner and to copyright any of the items referred to in the preceding paragraph.

I hereby release COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC, its successors and assigns of and from any claim which I might otherwise have as a result of any such use, copyright or publication.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_

**IF A MINOR:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Winter / Summer 20\_\_ Program Payment Schedule

### COSTA RICA AND/OR NICARAGUA 20\_\_ EDUCATORS IMMERSION PROGRAM: PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The winter payment schedule dates are as follows:

<b>Total trip amount to be paid in 4 payments</b>
Trip deposit due upon registering
Payment # 2 due Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>
Payment # 3 due Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>
Payment # 4 due Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>

The summer payment schedule dates are as follows:

<b>Total trip amount to be paid in 4 payments</b>
Trip deposit due upon registering
Payment # 2 due Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>
Payment # 3 due April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Payment # 4 due May 15 <sup>th</sup>

**\*\***This payment schedule is for your planning and budgeting benefit. All payments are non-refundable and are accredited toward the balance of your trip. If you wish to make other arrangements please contact us.

[MAKE A PAYMENT HERE](#)