TRAVEL CONTRACT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please read thoroughly, sign and send back using ANY of these methods: complete digital signature request sent by us via Adobe Sign, scan and send back to CGI via email, upload the signed contracts in the assignment upload section of your Health Information and Travel Contract Lesson of your pre-departure course, or send via regular mail to our offices (PO Box 174, Lafayette, CO 80026).
2. Please send contracts back to CGI as .pdf files, not image files like jpeg, png or other formats
3. If you prefer to send the contract by email, you can email it to support@commongroundinternational.com

HEALTH INFORMATION & PASSPORT/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Passport Information / Entry requirements:** You must present a valid passport that will not expire for at least 90 days after the duration of your trip and a round trip or separate outbound ticket documenting your departure from Ecuador or Costa Rica after your stay. If you already have a passport, please check the expiration date TODAY. If your passport expires within 90 days of your return to the USA, it may be INVALID and airlines may not allow you to board your flight. The most prudent thing to do is apply for another passport right away.
    a. Because of possible fines levied by Immigration authorities, many airlines will not permit passengers to fly to Ecuador or Costa Rica without proof of some sort of ticket leaving the country (bus, air, etc.) - unless of course they have citizenship, residency or a work visa. If you are traveling with a non-US passport, please let us know ASAP as there might be different entry requirements for you to comply with.

2. **Health Information**: The CDC recommends that your Hepatitis A, B, COVID-19 and routine vaccinations are current for travel to Costa Rica and Ecuador. For travel to Ecuador, there are additional recommendations for Typhoid, Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. It's a good idea to see your health care provider at least 4 to 6 weeks before you travel for his or her recommendation on vaccines.
    a. For more information about health recommendations in Costa Rica, please visit: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/costa-rica#vaccines-and-medicines
    b. For more information about health recommendations in Ecuador, please visit: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/ecuador#vaccines-and-medicines

Travel Behavior Contract

We are looking forward to traveling with you in Latin 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, your profession, 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 - we 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 and/or your host family
- Neglecting program obligations such as attending classes and community outreach work
- Use of illegal drugs
- Illegal use of alcohol
- 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 Travel Behavior Contract.

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Participant Signature Date

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Participant Name (printed)

SPANISH IMMERSION TRAVEL CONTRACT

I, _____, ("Participant") have enrolled in the **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC** ("CGI") immersion trip to Ecuador or Costa Rica. By signing below, I understand and agree to the following terms.

1. All payments that CGI receives for my travel are non-refundable. If, for unforeseen circumstances I cannot participate in this trip, I understand that CGI cannot refund my money.

2. I agree to participate in three pre-departure meetings on dates to be determined. The purpose of these meetings will be to go over important trip details, itineraries, expectations, host families and more.

3. I agree to follow all local regulations, restrictions and advisories related to COVID-19 during my trip. I also agree to follow all rules, requirements and requests from Common Ground International trip leaders while on program. These may include (but are not limited to) masking, social distancing, quarantine & isolation.

4. I am fully aware of my program costs and inclusions.

5. Your program fees include…
   - Lodging for your stay (except while out of town on optional weekend excursions)
   - All language school tuition, course materials and extracurricular activities like cooking and dance classes
   - Most meals. While staying with your host family you will be responsible for your own lunches.
   - Private in-country transporation to certain volunteer activities
   - 24/7 leadership and coordination

6. You are financially responsible for…
   - If COVID-19 test is positive, any and all costs associated with COVID such as but not limited to: testing, treatment, isolation, quarantine, lodging, changes in itinerary, and flight changes
   - Any additional travel or trip cancellation insurance not included in the basic policy provided
   - Your flight costs and additional baggage fees as determined by airlines.
   - Lunches
   - All expenses related to optional tours & excursions (chocolate tour, coffee tour, ziplining, etc…)
   - If you participate in optional excursions with a driver and/or guide, you should budget for tips on those excursions as well ($3-4 a day for driver, $5-7 day for guide)

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

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Participant Signature Date

_____

Participant Name (Please Print)

Participant Liability Waiver Form

Common Ground International Spanish Immersion 20_____

I, _____, ("Participant") have enrolled in the **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC** ("CGI") trip.

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. In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in the above trip, I hereby take action for myself so that it is binding upon me and all persons who have or will have authority to act for me, i.e. my heirs, executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

    a. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I acknowledge and understand that participation in international travel involves a number of serious risks including, but not limited to, the following:
        i. death, serious bodily injury, or property loss;
        ii. possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
        iii. costs or loss mandated by quarantine;
        iv. all risks associated with air or water travel (including but not limited to delay, cancellation, loss of value paid for ticketing, lost or damaged baggage, air sickness, mechanical malfunction, plane crash, sinking),
        v. strikes, war, weather, quarantine, sickness, terrorists' actions, government restrictions or travel bans, government regulations;
        vi. any act or omission of any ship, airline, railroad, sight-seeing, hotel, transportation company;
        vii. harm resulting from crime,
        viii. harm resulting from negligence or carelessness on the part of any of the persons coordinating or chaperoning this trip, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained or controlled by them or harm resulting even without fault,
        ix. any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any supplier;
        x. any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any

employee of any of these suppliers;

xi. any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any supplier;

xii. 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

xiii. any self-directed/planned activities/travel that I choose to undertake before, during, or after the trip.

I knowingly and freely assume all risks such as those listed, including those related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the parties released herein. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with participating in the **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC** ("**CGI**") Spanish Immersion trip, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the parties released herein.

b. **RELEASE AND WAIVER**: I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST **COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL, LLC; RORY FOSTER, LESLIE FOSTER, TRIP LEADERS and, ANY OTHER COMMON GROUND EMPLOYEE, CONTRACT EMPLOYEE, OR VOLUNTEER** EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF CGI, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE SPANISH IMMERSION TRIP.

c. **HOLD HARMLESS**: I agree to hold harmless **CGI**, including its individual officers, agents, employees, contractors, representatives, and successors, from any liability arising from my participation in the Spanish Immersion Trip including without limitation any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from use of a vehicle or other services arising from:

i. strikes, war, weather, quarantine, sickness, terrorists actions, government restrictions, or regulations; or

ii. any act or omission of any ship, airline, railroad, sight-seeing, hotel, transportation company; or

iii. any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers; or

iv. any wrongful, negligent, or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any employee of any of these suppliers; or

v. any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers; or

vi. 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

vii. any self directed/planned activities/travel that I choose to undertake before, during, or after the trip.

3. I hereby both authorize and agree to indemnify Common Ground International, LLC to take any measure necessary to procure recommended medical care in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during this trip.

4. I understand that the CGI trip reserves the right, in its sole discretion to cancel or discontinue the trip (the initial deposit is nonrefundable; but all other payments may be refundable in whole or in part) or to make such alterations in the itinerary as is necessary or desirable in its sole discretion.

5. I agree that I will be fully responsible for my luggage and personal effects; provide the Trip Director with all my personal travel arrangements while a member of the Trip; and provide the Trip Director with complete information if I make accommodation changes.

6. 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; have had the opportunity to consult with or have questions answered by legal counsel; and, I understand its content and choose to sign and binding Participant and all custodians.

7. CHOICE OF LAW AND ARBITRATION CLAUSE: 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. All disputes which cannot be resolved amicably through mediation shall be resolved through binding arbitration using Judicial Arbiter Group in Denver, Colorado pursuant to the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator's decision and award shall be binding upon all 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 Spanish Immersion Trip instituted by either party, except to enforce the award of the arbitrator.

_____ Participant's Initials

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

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Participant Name (Please Print)

_____ Participant's Initials

Media Consent and Release Form

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, soundtrack, recording, film strip, still photograph, DVD, podcast, on an Internet site, blog, vlog, or other social media site or site with user-generated content including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Youtube and X, 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.

_____ _____

Participant Signature Date

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Participant Name (printed)