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### MVI Participant Conduct Agreement and Liability Waiver

Our goal at the Monteverde Institute is to provide you with a unique educational experience that we hope will increase your future opportunities. In addition, the Monteverde Institute is committed to partner with you to take every precaution to ensure your health, safety, and well-being.

While this is a time for academic achievement and personal growth, study abroad also entails special risks. Participants can have a major impact on their own health and safety through the decisions they make throughout the program and by their daily choices and behaviors. In a study abroad program, you are a guest in another country and should be prepared to respect the laws and regional customs, as well as consider cultural view points in your actions.

The following is a participant contract that informs us that you have read our safety precautions, environmental concerns, cultural biases, and the MVI rules of conduct. Please note that no document can entirely cover all of the information for every possible situation. As adults, please be proactive to obtain any additional information you might find useful and to seek assistance when necessary.

**Please indicate your understanding and intent to comply by writing your initials on the line beside each item.**

**This form must be completed and returned to the Monteverde Institute as a condition of course participation. In the case of students or participants under the age of 18 years, BOTH the parents and student/participant must initial each of the clauses. The parents understand the “I” in each clause thus signifies “my son or daughter”.**

<b>Participant Name:</b>	
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Tropical Science, Conservation, and Sustainable Development in Costa Rica</b>
<b>Program Dates:</b>	<b>July 12, 2017 to July 29, 2017</b>
<b>Home Institution:</b>	<b>Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA</b>

<b><u>Please indicate your understanding and intent to comply by writing your initials on the line beside each item</u></b>	<b>Initial</b>
I have read and understand the MVI <b>Student Handbook</b> and know that copies of the handbook have been sent to me electronically, are available on line, and hard copies are at the Institute.	
<b>Pictures</b> taken of me during activities or classes may be used for publicity and/or marketing purposes in newspapers, brochures, advertisements, and websites	
I understand that Costa Rica has its own <b>laws and standards</b> of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior that violates those laws or standards could jeopardize my own health and safety.	
I understand that foreign travel comes with certain <b>risks</b> . Those risks might include crime, unfamiliar or different terrain, climate, food, and drink, wild animals, disease risks and health care.	



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<p>I understand there is no <b>alcohol</b> permitted anywhere on the MVI campus. While the legal drinking age in Costa Rica is 18, I understand that I must follow my home universities regulations regarding the use of alcohol while on the study abroad program.</p>	
<p>I understand that the use of <b>alcohol</b> may increase the likelihood of injuries, accidents, and violence, and may have other harmful effects on me and on others in the program. If I choose to drink alcohol during the course of the program, I will do so in a responsible manner. I assume the risks associated with consuming alcohol and absolve the MVI of all liability for the consequences of my conduct. Abuse or excessive alcohol intake is considered misconduct and is subject to consequences.</p>	
<p>I understand that the use, purchase, distribution, or carrying of <b>illicit drugs</b> of any kind is prohibited and is grounds for immediate expulsion (at my own expense) from the program.</p>	
<p>I have read, understand, and will respect the MVI <b>Code of Conduct</b>. I am aware that any misconduct on my part will affect not only myself, but other course participants, my home stay family, and the community and may be reason for dismissal. Misconduct includes but is not limited to: repeated tardiness to classes and activities; unauthorized absences or departure from the MVI program without authorization; repeated late night return to home stay (if applicable); noncompliance with the smoking, drinking, or drug policies of either the home university or the MVI; driving or riding on a motorized vehicle; willful obstruction or disruption of any MVI course organized activity; willful damage, misuse, or misappropriation of private and public property; abusive, threatening, lewd or obscene behavior; discrimination or harassment against any person based on race, gender, age, sexual orientation, political conviction, religious belief, or physical or medical condition, and sexual harassment, abuse or assault. I know that providing illegal substances or any form of sexual contact/harassment with a minor (even with their consent) is a criminal offense in Costa Rica.</p>	
<p>If I engage in any activities that are not sponsored by the MVI, including social activities, local or international travel, athletic events, or extreme sports activities ("<b>extracurricular activities</b>"), I understand that I do so at my own risk. I further agree that I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Monteverde Institute, its instructors, directors, employees, and representatives, against any liability, loss, damage, or expense as a result of my participation in such extracurricular activities.</p>	
<p>I understand that I must get approval for a <b>leave of absence</b> and sign out of the program to travel independently. I understand that I will be responsible for any injury or loss suffered while traveling independently. If I do not sign out of the program, I understand that I will be automatically suspended from the program and must meet with my program coordinator to request re-admission into the program and the MVI reserves the right of re-admission. <b>**In the case of minors, the student will NOT be allowed to leave the program and/or travel independently if the parent has not initialed this item. Parents are also encouraged to communicate any specific instructions to the MVI academic department (mvi@mvinstitute.org).</b></p>	
<p>I understand that if I do not submit my <b>medical / dietary information</b> by one month prior to the course start date, MVI will assume that I have no medical conditions or dietary restrictions, and I take full responsibility for any issues arising from failing to provide MVI with complete and accurate information as requested.</p>	
<p>I allow the Monteverde Institute and its staff to administer the <b>over-the-counter medications</b> contained in the MVI first aid kit (refer to list in student handbook) to me <i>at my request</i>. Since this is only at my request, I understand and assume responsibility for any side effects related to requested medication.</p>	
<p>In case of <b>anaphylactic shock</b> (life-threatening), I permit certified WFA personnel or medical doctor to inject epinephrine. I understand that further medical attention is required after</p>	



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epinephrine injection, and I take responsibility for seeking follow-up attention after injection with epinephrine.	
The student participant (or legal guardian if the student participant is not of legal age) hereby releases, waives, discharges and agrees to hold harmless the MVI, its staff, professors, coordinators, directors, and representatives from any liability arising out of or in connection with the student's involvement in program activities including but not limited to, any loss, damage, accident, illness, medical treatment, kidnapping or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the participant, or any of the property belonging to the participant, while involved with, or participating in program activities including but not limited to traveling to, from or within Costa Rica and/or Nicaragua, while performing assignments, carrying out responsibilities, or traveling during the participant's free time.	
In signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read it in its entirety and that I understand its terms and agree to abide by each of them. I understand that I am expected to participate in all activities that are part of the official MVI program yet I am not required to participate in any activity with which I am uncomfortable. My participation in the MVI program is entirely voluntary.	

<b>Printed Participant Name:</b>			
<b>Participant Signature:</b>			
<b>Parent Signature (if participant is under 18):</b> _____			
<b>Parent Name:</b> _____			
<b>Parent emergency contact information:</b>			
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