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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for helping your son or daughter pursue his/her desire to participate in a Student Venture International Project! I wish to support you as a parent, and your role as guide and guardian of your child. I want to keep open communication with you about our international projects and what they involve.

Please take time to complete the Parent/Guardian Consent Form. Indicate that you have discussed this interest with your son/daughter and share any concerns you have in the comments section. Then, once you have read the confidential questions on the next page, **please sign the consent form and send it to Student Venture International Projects / 100 Lake Hart Dr. Dept 3200 / Orlando, FL 32832.**

The questions on the next page are identical to the questions your child will answer on the application. Your consent must be given ***before*** your child's application will be evaluated. Your child's answers to the questions are private and will be held in strict confidence. The child's application will only be viewed by the person evaluating it and the one overseeing their personal development on the project. Evaluators and developers are the same gender as the applicant. These confidential questions help team leaders encourage each participant in his/her personal growth.

All project participants (students, staff members and other adults) are carefully selected. Once accepted, project participants will receive special written and verbal leadership training to prepare for their international experience. A portion of this training comes through an acceptance packet and project manuals.

Students who participate in a Student Venture International Project gain several positive benefits:

- international travel in a supervised, Christian context
- greater confidence in communication skills
- greater appreciation for America and other cultures
- development of leadership abilities and gifts
- life-changing ministry opportunities
- personal/spiritual growth and faith-stretching experiences
- focused service to help expand an ongoing youth movement in the host country
- experience with the dynamics of working on a team

Student Venture is the high school and junior high ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational Christian organization with over 26,000 staff and 550,000 trained volunteers ministering in 191 countries. Our emphases are communicating our faith in Christ with others and building Christians in their faith. Student Venture's purpose is to help fulfill our Lord's Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. We have been offering international projects for over 20 years. We are excited about your child's interest in join us!

It is possible that sending your teenager to be part of an international project is also a step of faith for you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, or your local Student Venture staff member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tom'.

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Questions your student will see on their application:

This information will be treated confidentially and will be seen only by individuals directly involved in your application decision and by appropriate project leadership. Please answer the following questions honestly. Your answers to these questions will not necessarily disqualify you for acceptance provided:

1) it can be determined that convictions are strong and consistent with Scripture, and 2) a sufficient time-tested track record of victory has been established. The information you share with us will be treated confidentially. We may need to phone you if we have questions. If you prefer to discuss your answers in more detail over the phone, we still need you to respond to the questions in writing.

List of Confidential Questions high school students will answer:

1. In what situations and how often do you use alcohol? Would you consider this an area with which you struggle? Additionally for high school students only: In the last 12 months have you been intoxicated? (If you prefer a phone call to discuss this answer, type 'Please Call' in the box below.)
2. In the last 12 months, have you used narcotics, hallucinogens, or drugs not prescribed by a physician? Additionally for high school students only: In the last 12 months, have you used tobacco products?
3. What convictions (guidelines/boundaries) have you developed to help you pursue sexual purity (i.e., petting, pornography, sexual involvement)? Please be specific. (If you prefer a phone call to discuss this answer, type 'Please Call' in the box below.)
4. In the last 12 months have you had an incident which would not be considered "above reproach" (i.e. light or heavy petting/sexual intercourse/oral sex/pornography)?
If yes, explain the details below. Include steps you have taken to change that involvement. Is anyone holding you accountable in this area? (If you prefer a phone call to discuss this answer, type 'Please Call' in the box below.)
5. In the past 12 months have you struggled with or participated in homosexual relationships/practice?
6. In the past 12 months have you struggled with an eating disorder?
7. In the last 12 months, have you had any incidents of intentional self-injury or cutting yourself?

We have a variety of projects that vary in their environment and qualifications for a students applicant. Our main concern in asking the following questions is to make sure project will be a good fit for you – meaning, if you struggle with any one of the following, the environment on project may or may not be a good place for you. We are concerned with your growth.

It is important for you to understand that the challenges of your own pre-conditions (physical, psychological, emotional) along with the specific environment on a project may present difficulties to you.

Please note: A precondition will not necessarily disqualify you from being accepted to participate in a project.

The following are some conditions you *may* encounter on project:

- Housing without elevators
- Housing without air conditioning
- Extensive walking
- Taking public transportation
- Full and/or very demanding schedule
- Food that is prepared for the whole project (you may not have control over what food is available)
- Being/working in a beach environment where people wear bathing suits all the time
- Spending your summer with others who are new to you
- Sharing cramped living quarters
- Not having your own space most of the time

List of Medical Questions:

1. Do you have a known physical limitations that may limit your full participation in the project for which you are applying? (i.e. Limited mobility, limited vision, limited hearing...)
2. Do you have a known psychological or emotional condition? (i.e. eating disorder, bipolar disorder, depression...)



Student Venture International Projects
100 Lake Hart Drive Dept 3200
Orlando, FL 32832

Parent/Guardian Consent

Name of Minor _____ Project/year _____

I/We have considered our son's/daughter's plan to apply for an international project. I/We understand that Student Venture will seek to provide for his/her safety and welfare, but I/we have also discussed the risks that are involved in international travel. I/We realize that Student Venture is simply giving him/her the opportunity to participate as a volunteer. I/We consent for my/our son/daughter to participate on a Student Venture International Project.

Yes No

Parent/Guardian's Advice to Minor:

Please check one of the following

- I/We have encouraged our son/daughter to participate.
- I/We are not opposed to our son/daughter going, but we have the following reservations listed to the right under *Comments*.
- I/We have advised our son/daughter not to participate on a project for the following reasons listed to the right under *Comments*.

Comments:

I/We have read the confidential questions my child will be asked on the application, and give consent for my/our son/daughter to answer those questions. I/We understand his/her information will be treated confidentially and will be seen only by individuals directly involved in his/her application decision and by appropriate project leadership.

Yes No

Mother/Guardian's Signature

Date

Father/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please Note: The signature of each legal guardian is preferred however we understand some situations do not allow for all guardians to sign the same form. Signatures do not need to be on the same form. If necessary, this form may be copied and signed individually. If only one signature can be obtained that will be acceptable for application for project. Please be aware there will be other forms where both signature will be required in order for the minor to participate on project. For questions or concerns regarding this please call the international Projects Office at 407-826-2323