**Our Christian Witness**

Please remember that Ohio Changers is a mission experience. Participants are On Mission at all times: at work sites, at the lodging facility, and during free-day activities. A lot of advance work has been done to ensure that residents of the community know who we are and why we are there. We are closely watched. How we dress is an important part of our witness. Participants should make a special effort to wear clothes that are modest and appropriate for the mission work that we are doing.

**Dress Code**

1. Shirts with sleeves are to be worn by all participants at all times (no spaghetti straps, tank tops, chopped sleeves, midriffs, or backless-this includes dresses) at the work sites, worship, the lodging facility, and on the way to and from the showers. If the sleeves are town or cut off the shirt, it no longer meets the code. No pajama pants sweatpants and leggings are allowed other than in sleeping area.
2. Long pants must be worn at the work sites. Pants made of heavy cloth, like denim, is preferred. No rips or holes in pants. Pajama pants, sweatpants, and leggings WILL NOT be allowed on the jobsite and can only be worn in your sleeping area at night. No Capris on the jobsite.
3. Shorts are acceptable at the lodging facility. Shorts must be modest and no shorter than 3” above the knee. No short shorts. (If you have to ask then they are probably too short).
4. Participants are to be fully dressed in accordance with this dress code any time they are outside their assigned room at the lodging facility. Shorts or long pants and a sleeved shirt are required in hallways, in worship, and in route to and from shower restroom facilities.
5. Durable shoes with closed toes must be worn at the work sites. Sandals are not acceptable on the work site but may be worn at the lodging facility. Shoes or boots with heavy soles are highly recommended for the worksite.

**Enforcement of the Dress Code**

1. Group leaders are expected to review the dress code with participants before leaving for the project. The Youth and Parents meeting is an excellent time to review the code. Please be certain everyone in your group, including youth, parents, and adult participants understands what is required and what is prohibited. We are representing our Lord!
2. Group leaders will be expected to enforce the dress code among participants in their church groups during the project.
3. Project Coordinator, other coordinators and staff will remind participants and group leaders of the dress code when necessary.
4. Violation of the dress code at work sites may result in participants being transported back to the lodging facility. Participants will not leave for the worksite if not dressed according to the dress code.
5. Participants who are in violation of the dress code will not be included in crew pictures or in the video.
6. If necessary, the Project Coordinator will take appropriate action to ensure that all participants follow the dress code.

**Ohio Changers Responsibilities**

Attention Participants! Ohio Changers is going to be a great week for you and your church group. Please carefully read through the list of responsibilities mentioned below, then sin and date the form you have received from your youth leader as a pledge of your commitment to help ensure a wonderfully memorable experience for everyone.

***While participating in an Ohio Changers project I will seek to demonstrate my love for Christ and for others by agreeing to…***

1. **Keep myself healthy.** I agree not to use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and non-prescription drugs. I will notify the project nurse of any prescription drugs I will be using during the week and / or any non-prescription drug that is needed.
2. **Maintain my safety and the safety of others.** I agree not to horse around at the work sited because this could cause someone to be seriously or even fatally hurt. I also agree not to possess or use any fireworks, firearms, knives, or weapons of any other kind.
3. **Follow the Ohio Changers schedule.** I understand that the approved Project Coordinator must make any schedule changes. In consideration of others and in order to receive sufficient rest, I will respect the lights-out time.
4. **Follow the Ohio Changers dress code.** I agree to bring clothes that comply with the dress code, and not to bring clothes that do not comply with the code. I will dress, at all times, in a manner worthy of an ambassador of Christ.
5. **Stay in designated Ohio Changers areas.** I agree to stay with the group at all times. I understand that I cannot leave the work site or home base without the permission of the Project Coordinator. I will not “aimlessly wander” inside or outside of the building. I also agree to remain in designated areas for my gender. I understand that boys are not permitted to be in the “FEMALES ONLY” designated area and rooms; girls are not permitted to be in the “MALES ONLY” designated area and rooms.
6. **Respect the privacy of others.** I understand that others’ property and possessions must not be tampered with or taken. I expect others to grant the same measure of respect to my privacy and possessions.
7. **Maintain a clean environment.** I will do my best to keep all areas of the building clean and free from litter. I respect the property; and grounds of the place we call “home” for the week. I understand that any damage to the property or grounds I cause will be my personal responsibility.
8. **Demonstrate a Christ-**like spirit. My attitude will be like that of Jesus. (Philippians 2:5) I will strive at all times to exhibit the best attitude toward fellow workers, host, leaders, and the residents of the community. I will not abuse another person’s property or personality.

**Ohio Changers Participation Commitment**

**I understand that these responsibilities are designed to make the week a pleasant experience for all involved. If I choose not to accept these responsibilities, I forfeit my privilege of participation in Ohio Changers and could be sent home at my own expense from the Ohio Changers project.**

* I commit to give 100%, no more, no less. I understand that if I give 110% then someone else only has room to give 90%.
* I understand that I cannot do everything, because if I try, chances are I will overdo it and not be useful at all. I could put myself and or others on my team at risk as well as cause friction in the team.
* I know that I am here to work alongside other valuable volunteers. I will be respectful of their time, gifts, and talents.
* Though I may not know my Crew Chief, I can trust that he/she is my friend. If a Crew Chief (even one from another crew) asks me to do something, I will FOLLOW HIS/HER INSTRUCTIONS! They are the people who KNOW HOW TO DO IT!
* I will take breaks when told at my site. I will drink lots of water.
* During scheduled breaks on –site or at the building, I will not leave the Ohio Changers area and will not wander around by myself. I understand that this is for my safety.
* I have read, understand, and will abide by the Ohio Changers dress code.

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