

LUTHERAN YOUTH CHOIR INTERNATIONAL

Rules and Code of Conduct

This code of conduct defines the behavioral framework for our time together in rehearsal and touring. It is based on our Christian understanding of how we should act towards our fellow students, adult leaders, staff and our hosts on tour. Problems arising from non-adherence to this code may result in a student being asked to leave the group immediately at their own expense under their parent's/guardian's supervision.

1. We respect each other. We are all children of God, and we will respect each other as such in word and deed. Our language and actions together will reflect this basic respect for all people involved in the program.
2. Students will be assigned roommates. The staff will resolve any problems to the best of their ability, however, part of the LYCI experience is to accept and get along with everyone.
3. Cell phones and other electronic devices will be allowed, however their use will be restricted. We want you focused on each other, the music and the people we meet. Any expenses incurred or any items lost or stolen will not be covered by LYCI.
4. There will be no sexual harassment or sexual activity among students, which will result in immediate separation from the choir.
5. When staying with host families, students will comply with the family's schedule and discipline regarding bedtime, bathroom usage, food, etc.
6. When staying in hotels or dorms, we will be aware of other guests, be quiet in the hallways and public spaces, and present ourselves as mature, thoughtful and serious representatives of our families and countries.
7. We respect each other's time. Schedules will be strictly adhered to. Should changes occur, students will be advised. To the extent that cell phone text messaging is possible, it will be used to confirm changes.
8. Students will be expected to be at all rehearsals and events on time and ready for the activities planned. Any problems in this regard should be called/texted to Mrs. Becker at _____.
9. We are concerned for your health and safety. If medical problems arise, students or hosts should call.....
We must have your updated signed health forms prior to your arrival in Glen Ellyn.
10. While traveling in buses or coaches, students will wear seat belts as available and follow all instructions of the leaders and chaperones.
11. We will not allow student smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or using any recreational drugs for the entire time on tour. If offered beer or wine in social situations abroad, students under 21 will politely decline. Students' parents will be notified and they will be sent home at their parents' expense if any such problems occur.
12. We want to conserve space. Please read and observe the separate travel and luggage guidelines for international flights. Due to airline rules, if students have more than 40 pounds in a 22" suitcase, we will adjust in Glen Ellyn, and send extra items home at the students' expense.
13. We are thankful for others. We will have guests at rehearsals and concerts who are professional musicians, board members, parents, sponsors and contributors to the choir. We will introduce them to you, and would expect you to do the same informally and thank them for their interest and support for the choir.
14. We are thankful for hospitality: Before leaving host families for the last time, students will write personal thank-you notes. After concerts we will be available to the audience and thank them for coming to hear us.

Students and parent/guardian must sign below to indicate that this Code of Conduct has been discussed together. Please sign and email : sbeck413@sbcglobal.net.

Signed _____ Date _____