

## **NSHSS Ivy League University Tour Code of Conduct and Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement**

NSHSS Academic tours are a member benefit, and participating students are expected to behave in a manner that best represents the Society, their high school, and the student. A parent/legal guardian will be contacted immediately in cases of inappropriate behavior. Violations of the Tour Code of Conduct, or any applicable federal or state laws may result in a student being sent home at his or her parents' expense, ineligibility for future tours & events, suspension from leadership groups, and/or any other disciplinary action authorized by the Tour Code of Conduct.

To ensure safety and that all participants may receive maximum benefits from the Ivy League Tour, all requirements of the Tour Code of Conduct will be enforced at all times during the tour.

### **Expected Behavior of All Attendees**

**As a condition of participating in the Ivy League University Tour (Activity) sponsored by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), I agree to:**

1. Treat all attendees with respect and consideration, valuing a diversity of views and opinions and avoiding personal attacks.
2. Be considerate, respectful, and collegial and always follow the instructions of the tour staff.
3. Be on time and prepared to leave for any and all tour activities and will attend all sessions and activities to which they are assigned during the trip.
4. Be cautious of my surroundings, other tour attendees, and any/all individuals while using transportation, walking, visiting public places, and during the entirety of the tour.
5. Be cognizant of and adhere to the tour agenda, meeting times, WhatsApp tour group communications, transportation schedule, and curfew status.
6. Be quiet and considerate of speakers, tour guides, and guests at gatherings or other occupants in the hotel.
7. Not deface or otherwise damage property and dispose of all trash properly. Any damage to property or furnishings will be paid for by the individual student and/or his or her parents.
8. Keep the tours staff informed of my activities and whereabouts at all times and not leave the tour group at any point without permission.
9. Will follow the "buddy system" at all times during the course of the trip and will never go off alone without another tour participant or prior permission
10. Abstain from bringing individuals not associated with our tour into my hotel room and will not invite other non-roommate tour participants into my hotel room. I will not be allowed at any time (day or night) to be in my hotel room with a member of the opposite sex.
11. Adhere to curfew time set by the tours staff, be in my assigned room and quiet at the curfew time, and spend every night in my assigned hotel room.
12. Remain in my room after curfew and not leave the hotel after curfew for any reason except in the case of emergency or permission from the tours staff. Evening curfew hours will be

established and strictly observed.

13. Understand that I am expected to respect the nightly curfew for my own safety and security and that nightly room checks will be conducted at the tour staff's discretion.
14. Understand that free time on this tour is a privilege and is not guaranteed every day.
15. Represent myself in a professional manner, will not engage in any illegal or unprofessional behavior and will follow all campus rules and state/federal laws.
16. Understand that any illegal activity is punishable by immediate dismissal from the tour. If a traveler is involved in any illegal activities, all costs to return home are at his or her expense. If the local authorities are involved, the traveler will be subject to the laws of the city/state he or she is visiting.
17. Understand that NSHSS tours are to be tobacco-free, alcohol-free, drug-free, and weapon-free. Students are prohibited from possessing, using, or conveying alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, prescription drugs not prescribed to the student, tobacco products, and weapons on school trips. Regardless of the legal drinking age, I understand that students of any age are not to consume alcohol during this tour. I acknowledge that my luggage and personal belongings may be searched at any time during the trip if tours or hostel staff has reasonable suspicion that the item contains prohibited items of any kind. The presence of any of the items listed above in a student's luggage, personal effects, or hotel room may be considered to be possession of the item, regardless of whether the student actually uses the prohibited substance or weapon.
18. Lead by example by engaging in positive, kind, and inclusive behaviors by upholding the standards of NSHSS.

### **Release of Liability and Indemnity**

Additionally, I hereby forever release, discharge the NSHSS and its affiliated corporations and subsidiaries, directors, officers, employees, partners, managers, members, agents and/or assigns (collectively, NSHSS Indemnities) and agree to save, hold harmless, indemnify and defend the NSHSS Indemnities from any and all liability, claims, demands, causes of action, and possible causes of action including attorney's fees and related costs whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury (including death) that I may sustain to my person or property FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER including negligence of the NSHSS Indemnities from the date of this Agreement through the conclusion of the Activity. I further acknowledge that the NSHSS Indemnities are not responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any third party conducting the Activity. This release and discharge is binding on me (including minor Participant), my heirs, my next of kin, and my personal representatives.

By my initials placed in the space provided below, I:

\_\_\_\_\_ A. Represent that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor participant (if participant is under 18) identified below and am qualified to enter into this Agreement and make the release, discharge, and indemnity on behalf of the minor Participant. I acknowledge that the minor Participant is voluntarily participating in the Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ B. Represent that I am 18 years of age or older, that I have read this statement and agree to all the conditions stated. I am voluntarily participating in this Activity.

In the event I (or the minor Participant) should require medical care or treatment, I authorize the NSHSS, or its designated agent, to provide all emergency medical care deemed necessary to me (or the minor Participant) including but not limited to first aid, CPR, the use of AEDs, emergency medical transport, and sharing of medical information with medical personnel. I further agree to assume all costs involved for myself (or the minor Participant) and agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I understand that NSHSS does not carry health or accident insurance that covers me (or the minor Participant).

This agreement is made in the State of Georgia, Dekalb County. All claims or causes of action shall be brought in the State or Federal courts of Dekalb County, Georgia without regard to conflict of law principles. This Agreement supersedes any and all previous oral or written promises or other agreements.

Review our NSHSS Tour Booking Agreement Here which is hereby incorporated by reference and is a part of this Agreement: [booking-conditions-ivy.pdf](http://nshss.org/booking-conditions-ivy.pdf) (nshss.org).

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules pertaining to NSHSS tours. I understand that any violation of these rules, or any other misconduct, may result in loss of free time, earlier curfew time, as well as other disciplinary consequences at the discretion of the tours staff and as described above. I understand that if I do not adhere to the above Tour Code of Conduct, I will be removed from the tour immediately, my parents will be notified of my behavior, and I will be sent home at my own expense.

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Printed Participant Name

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Participant Date of Birth

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Participant Signature

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Today's Date

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Printed name of Parent or Guardian of Participant

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Phone Number for contact

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Signature of Parent or Guardian of Participant