

Volunteer Contract

I understand that my failure to comply with or complete any of the following gives SchoolBOX the right to terminate my participation in the SchoolBOX volunteer experience without notice or compensation.

I understand that SchoolBOX is a registered Canadian Charity and not a travel company. I understand all travel to and from Nicaragua is done at my own risk and I am solely responsible for the following:

Travel to / from Nicaragua

- Purchasing my transportation to and from Managua, Nicaragua for the designated dates of the volunteer experience and providing SchoolBOX with a copy of my flight itinerary.
- I am responsible to check the airline cancellation and refund policy and am **highly encouraged** to consider flight insurance when purchasing my flight(s).
- If my trip is cancelled for security reasons, I understand it is my sole responsibility to follow up with the airline/insurance company about a refund of my flights.
- I must have a valid, government issued passport, with an expiry date no earlier than SIX months AFTER my planned return date.
- I must send a copy of my passport to SchoolBOX by email at least 10 days before departure.
- Ensuring that I meet the customs and immigration requirements to enter Nicaragua and any countries that I travel through.
- I must purchase a tourist visa card (US \$10 cash) upon entry to Nicaragua.
- I am responsible for paying the \$32 US exit fee from Nicaragua if it is not covered by my airline ticket.
- It is my responsibility to register with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs (<http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration>) and to familiarize myself with all travel advice and advisories for Nicaragua (<http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/nicaragua>).
- Any travel I do outside the volunteer experience in Nicaragua is at my own risk and expense.
- It is my responsibility to check all relevant entry requirements to Nicaragua. If a visa is required, then it is my responsibility to apply for a visa with sufficient time before the volunteer experience begins.
- SchoolBOX holds no responsibility, if my visa application is denied, or I am denied entry to Nicaragua for any reason.

Safety

- I fully acknowledge the risks and dangers associated with my participation in the SchoolBOX volunteer experience and accept the same entirely at my own risk.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to register with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and to familiarize myself with all travel advice and advisories for Nicaragua.
- I understand that SchoolBOX reserves the right to cancel the volunteer trip up to 14-days in advance of departure for safety reasons (civil unrest, terrorism, natural disaster, force majeure).
- I understand that there is a group itinerary organized for the volunteer experiences which I will follow while I am in Nicaragua.

- I understand that if I leave the SchoolBOX itinerary at any point, it is at my own risk, and SchoolBOX assumes no responsibility.
- I understand that the volunteer groups will be working on a construction site and that I am expected to participate in the construction process.
- I understand that I must wear a hat, closed toe shoes, work gloves, sunscreen and modest clothing when on the worksite.
- I understand that I am not to leave the worksite without SchoolBOX staff and am not to engage in one on one interaction with community members or children off the worksite.

Health

- I understand that it is my responsibility to purchase health insurance for the duration of my time abroad and to give a copy of my insurance policy and contact information to SchoolBOX.
- I understand it is my responsibility to visit my doctor and/or travel clinic to receive all vaccinations and prescriptions necessary for my travel abroad including Hep A & B and tetanus.
- I understand that I must disclose all health conditions, allergies and special needs to SchoolBOX.
- I understand that SchoolBOX is not responsible for administering any medications.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to familiarize myself with all health notices for Nicaragua on the Public Health Agency of Canada website.
- I understand that I am responsible for purchasing extra water, drinks and any food outside meal times.

Laws, Customs, Philosophy

- I understand that I am acting as an ambassador for SchoolBOX while participating in the SchoolBOX volunteer program. I will be respectful of the local community members, mindful of their culture and set a good example in my behavior.
- I will be respectful of the SchoolBOX philosophy of sustainable development and will only hand out items with the consent of SchoolBOX.
- I understand that I am subject to the laws of Nicaragua for the duration of my stay in Nicaragua.
- I will not drink alcohol in excess or consume any illegal drugs. The legal drinking age in Nicaragua is 18 years of age.
- I will be respectful and courteous to SchoolBOX staff members.
- I give consent for photographs of my participation of the SchoolBOX volunteer program to be used by SchoolBOX for promotional materials.

I _____ agree with the aforementioned terms:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parental signature is required.

Print your VOLUNTEER CONTRACT and ASSUMPTION OF RISK Forms. Read them through carefully and consult SchoolBOX staff and/or legal counsel if there is anything you do not understand. Sign both and send them electronically to volunteer@schoolbox.ca.



Assumption of Risk

I fully acknowledge the risks and dangers associated with my participation in the SchoolBOX volunteer experience and accept the same entirely at my own risk.

I fully acknowledge that my participation in the SchoolBOX volunteer experience involves inherent risks and dangers that may cause serious injury and even death.

I shall not hold SchoolBOX (or any of its directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents) accountable for any injuries, accidents, illness, loss or theft or damage of personal belongings. **I am solely responsible for my health, welfare and possessions during my SchoolBOX volunteer experience.**

I hereby waive any and all claims which I may have against SchoolBOX (its directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents) and release SchoolBOX (its directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents) from all liability for injury, death, property damage or any other loss sustained by me as a result of my participation in the SchoolBOX volunteer experience, due to any cause whatsoever.

Please note that by signing this agreement you give up the right to sue or take legal action against SchoolBOX (or any of its directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents) for any injury or damages howsoever caused during the SchoolBOX volunteer experience.

I, _____, sign this agreement on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs and assigns. *(Parental signature required for participants under the age of 18).*

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

* If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parental signature is required.

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print your VOLUNTEER CONTRACT and ASSUMPTION OF RISK Forms. Read them through carefully and consult SchoolBOX staff and/or legal counsel if there is anything you do not understand. Sign both and send them electronically to volunteer@schoolbox.ca.