

Buena Vista Sports Academy for Boys

BILL OF RIGHTS

As a member of the 2023 BVSA Partner Visit from _____, I hereby willingly give up my right to:

1. Make decisions outside the authority of the team leader/pastor.

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17).

2. Enjoy the personal luxuries and independence I have at home.

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. (Romans 14:17-18).

3. Criticize others around me.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35).

4. Criticize decisions I don't understand.

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Corinthians 1:10).

5. My personal space and my desire to be comfortable and clean.

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ (Philippians 3:8)

6. Judge others by appearances.

We never know the trials others are encountering. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2).

7. Have pre-conceived ideas about how God will use me on this team.

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. (Proverbs 19:21).

8. Miss team preparation meetings without a valid reason.

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. (Proverbs 16:3).

9. Avoid serving others.

...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28).

10. Not completely trust God to use me for His glory on this trip.

"I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." (Isaiah 45:3).

11. Control over (or even awareness of!) the exact itinerary for the coming day.

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. (Proverbs 16:9).

12. The noise of social media and online distractions.

Be still and know that I am God... (Psalm 46:10)

As a servant of the Lord, a representative of _____, and counter to my nature, I agree as a part of this team to give up all of the rights listed above.

Signature: _____

Date: _____