

Children's Home Policies

We are hosted by a Children's Home and we respect the policies the home has in place for us. Here are the following policies you and your volunteers need to abide by:

- You are allowed to take photos of the kids to keep for your personal memories but do not post pictures of the kids on social media where their face is recognizable. DO NOT let the kids use your phone.
- DO NOT enter any children's rooms outside of a tour. The children are also not allowed in volunteer dorms or rooms.
- NO one on one time with any child. Only play with the children in open areas and where another volunteer is present. Stay in groups of 2 or more at all times.
- NO yoga pants, sheer clothing, short shorts, spaghetti-strap tanks or crop tops. Shirts should always stay on while working. Please wear modest swimwear if you are going swimming.
- Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. - 7 a.m. Close all exterior doors when leaving and turn off all lights when not in use.
- Do your best to reduce any unnecessary waste and keep things tidy. Keep all food in the volunteer kitchen or sealed with your belongings.
- NO romantic relationships are allowed with beneficiaries of the orphanage.
- NO explicit music
 - Rancho La Hermosa asks that the kids listen to Christian music only
- DO NOT give the kids money or individual gifts. If you want to donate, talk to your Trip Host and they can help facilitate that with the Orphanage Director.
- DO NOT pick up children or put them on your lap or shoulders.
 - Volunteers can hold babies at Rancho de Los Niños
- DO NOT ask the kids' probing questions about their backgrounds or why they are here (they are working with psychologists who are trained in dealing with past trauma).
- DO NOT bring plastic water bottles. Please bring hydro-flask type non-disposable bottles instead. Safe drinking water will be available. All other water sources are for washing only.
- DO NOT flush toilet paper. All trash goes in the wastebasket. If you forget, use a stick to fish it out.
- DO NOT make promises to the kids that you will return.