

# **HIGH SCHOOL MEXICO WORK TRIP RANCHO SORDO MUDO**

## **INFORMATION**

Thank you for your interest in being involved in our outreach to Rancho Sordo Mudo. The following is information you need to know about the work weekend. We will be meeting at church at 11:30am on Friday and returning approximately 5:00pm on Sunday.

**WHAT WE WILL BE DOING:** We will be working around the school to help in any way we can, like painting, cleaning, weeding in the garden, etc. We will also have time to spend with the children at the ranch.

We will be eating their food, respecting their dress code (no shorts), sleeping in their bunk houses, and it is rough camping (no heat, or bed padding).

**WHAT TO BRING:** **Passport (if you don't bring your passport you can't come)**, Bible, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, flashlight, long pants/jeans (shorts are not allowed), sturdy work shoes for rough terrain, towel & wash cloth, personal items, warm jacket, work gloves, a dress or skirt for women, and nice clothes for men (button-up shirt) for church on Sunday morning, sunscreen, sunglasses & a hat. Realize that your work clothes will get dirty, along with your shoes.

**Note: Electronic devices are only allowed in car please.**

**SPENDING MONEY:** We will be stopping on the way down and back you may bring some money for snacks or shopping.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Will be provided to and from Rancho Sordo Mudo, from the church office.

### **DRESS CODE:**

**WOMEN:** are expected to dress modestly (clothing which draws immoderate attention to you would be considered inappropriate i.e. shorts, tank tops, shorts shirts that expose stomach or lower back, low front dress, short skirts, heavy make-up, expensive or excessive jewelry, etc.), wear work clothing such as pants or jeans, and bring a dress or skirt (below the knee) for Sunday church service.

**MEN:** wear work clothes; bring nice pants and a button down shirt for Sunday church service. You cannot wear shorts and must always keep shirts on. There is not a need to show your boxers, and make sure to take hats off in the chow-hall.

The above dress requirements may seem unreasonable, but they are culturally based. It is customary for Mexican men and women to keep their bodies covered. Without these guidelines, we would be a less effective ministry.

# **RANCHO SORDO MUDO GUIDELINES FOR VISITORS**

The deaf children learn by what they see, therefore, we must be careful to maintain an atmosphere where they will always receive a good example. For this reason, we have a few rules concerning them and visitors.

\*PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, do not waste water. Water level is very critical, our well is running dry. Showers may be limited if available at all.

\*Use outhouses at campground and main area. Our septic tanks can't handle high volume use. Be sure to put all trash paper in waste basket, not in toilets. Don't litter, keep the place clean.

\*Dress modestly-no shorts or mini skirts. Men wear nice clothes to church; women wear a dress or skirt.

\*Boys and girls have separate swimming period-this includes visitors.

\*Do not play with livestock or enter stock pens.

\*Do not give children money or candy at any time.

\*Do not take children away from dorm areas at anytime without director's permission.

\*No smoking or alcoholic beverages and no guns, knives or fireworks allowed.

\*Plan to attend Sunday school & have daily Bible studies with your group.

\*If not working in the kitchen, please stay out.

\*No playing or rough-housing in chow hall or lounge & no food or drink in lounge.

\*The rocky hills are dangerous and have rattlesnakes. You will not be allowed to explore.

\*Be ON TIME for meals. Tables are called by rotation, wait your turn.

\*Deaf children are not allowed in or on cars.

\*Please do not wrestle or play rough with children.

\*Children (deaf & visitors) are not allowed in workshops.

\*Men, please do not hold or extensively associate with any of the young girls. Many of them come from abused or abusive environments.