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For parents and guardians

What to expect when your student travels with 501 Collective, and how to help them get ready.

Two weeks beside local leaders

Your student will work beside people who are already serving their own communities, learning from them and seeing their work up close. Here is what to expect, what you sign and how you can help them prepare.

Safety and care

- Every traveler completes an interview and a background check before any trip.
- Trips are planned with our partners, with safety, clarity and communication in mind.
- You receive full details, schedules and contact information well before departure.
- Ukraine remains at war, and the waiver says so plainly. Read it together before you sign.

You are the emergency contact

A traveler under 18 on the trip's first day applies with a parent or guardian. You are their emergency contact, and you sign the agreement on the application.

What you sign, in short

The application holds two agreements: the Authorization and Agreement, and the Waiver. Please read the full text on the application before signing. In short, they say:

- The application is accurate, and 501 Collective may use your student's photo, voice and words in its materials.
- Once accepted, the traveler is responsible for the full price of the trip.
- Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law and cannot be refunded. Withdrawing after plane tickets are bought means funds raised are not returned.
- Travel carries real risks, described in the waiver, and you release 501 Collective from liability for injury or loss during the trip.

Helping them get ready

- **Passport first.** It should be valid at least six months past the return date. If it is new or renewed, start early.
- **A health visit.** See a travel health professional six to eight weeks before departure.
- **Packing together.** Our guide Getting ready for your trip lists what to bring.
- **Raising support.** Our guide Raising support for your trip has a plan and words to borrow.
- **Being a good guest.** Talk through asking before photos and following the lead of our partners and trip leaders.

While they are away

The schedule and contact details you receive before departure tell you how to reach the team. When they come home, ask them about the people they met, not only the work they did. Those stories are where the trip keeps growing.

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Questions are welcome

Write to us any time before, during or after the trip.
We would love to hear from you.

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