PVF Cooperative Living Guidelines

Transport

- PVF Vehicles are “pooled” around operational needs of the Foundation where ever possible
- If social trips into town are scheduled PVF vehicle returns at 11.30 pm Sunday to Thursday and at a reasonable time on Friday and Saturday specified by the driver
- Any one getting a lift back in non PVF vehicles after 11 pm must get the driver to turn round before Ruta Salvaje on the track corner.
- Silence must be observed walking back to the house after 11 pm

Visitors and Overnight guests

- Overnight guests are not permitted
- Volunteers wishing to bring back visitors must have permission from the director
- The director will let the house hold know in advance if someone is visiting at the main house
- You are personally accountable for your visitors/guests
- PVF friends and visitors are only allowed in public areas (kitchen, bathroom, TV room etc.) unless approved by the director

Noise

- Please use discretion with music levels and be aware of other people’s needs for quiet
- Music and social interaction should be at a low level after 9.30 pm and off at 10.30 pm weekdays and 11.00 pm on weekends in and around the main house.
- No cooking or food preparation and social interaction in the kitchen/dining room allowed from 11pm to 6am
- All movies watching after 10:00 pm should quietly take place in the TV area
- Quiet should be observed during the following times:
  Sunday night to Friday morning – 11 pm till 8 am
  Friday night to Sunday morning – 12 am till 9 am
  Siesta every day after lunch till 2 pm

Smokers

- Smoking should be limited to outside the house at a reasonable distance and there is NO smoking under any roofed areas of the house. Rain: smoking is allowed under roofed areas in front of the bathroom building if nobody else is bothered
- Smokers should be conscientious that the smoke does not enter the covered area of the house and is not bothering others
- Cigarette butts should be completely put out and put in one of the sand buckets outside of the house
- Take turns with daily cleaning out of ashtrays and sand buckets.
- Refrain from stubbing out in garden or leaving cigarette buds anywhere on the ground

Cleaning duties

- Volunteers taking part in co-operative living agree to cleaning tasks - Tasks are assigned on a rotational basis
- Everyone must do their dishes and leave the kitchen and cooking equipment clean
- Even if an area is not assigned to you it is still everyone’s responsibility to help keep all areas clean and tidy.
- For full details check out document “cleaning checklist”

Alcohol consumption

No Alcohol consumption is permitted at the cooperative living facilities and on the Foundations Grounds and at your volunteer work placement. If you go out partying at night you should be able to show up to work on time next day and, especially if working with children, should not arrive hung-over or exhausted. Anyone who gets drunk and rowdy in town should not return to PVF grounds until the following day. Hotels in town are cheap and plentiful (and staying in a hotel is a safer choice than walking to PVF grounds drunk). We ask you to police yourselves in terms of excessive drinking. Show responsibility and discretion. The Peace Villages Foundations and future volunteers’ reputation is at stake.

Parties

Parties at Peace Villages Grounds should be planned in advance and are limited to Friday and Saturday. **If a party/get-together is planned, responsibilities should be carefully delegated.** Several people should be in charge of planning it as well as staying awake until all non-residents leave and making sure things are under control, no dangerous or disrespectful behavior is taking place, and noise is kept to a reasonable level. These people should also be in charge of clean up - especially that empty containers are not left laying out. We would ask that the person in charge of cleaning in the morning should be up and busy by 8am so that others are not affected by the mess from the previous night for too long!