

# EARTHWISE VALLEY

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## EARTHWISE VALLEY SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS

**For any group of human beings to thrive while living together, basic guidelines of behavior and expectation are necessary that all group members agree to abide by. The following are the basic non-negotiable rules that govern our small community, and that you will have to embrace if you want to be part of it. While these “rules” might sound overly formal, clarifying expectations early lays the foundation for a trouble free time for everybody. Please read this page, initial each point, sign, date and return with your application.**

1. I understand this programme is for those who are willing to challenge themselves physically, culturally and socially. I am willing to work hard, take on challenges, and make a difference! \_\_\_\_\_
2. I agree to treat all community members, programme instructors, and associated persons with respect & consideration. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I understand that if I engage in behaviours that put the project, another community member, or my own health, safety, or well being at risk, that I may be asked to leave. I agree to make positive changes in my behaviour after receiving feedback indicating desired change. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current New Zealand legislation regards any drug use as a criminal offence. Any association puts the Valley property at risk and we therefore can have no tolerance for drug use, purchase or possession. I understand that the Sanctuary is a DRUG-FREE zone, and alcohol is also to be used in a reasonable way. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I understand that the following are grounds for dismissal from the community: physical violence, verbal abuse, property damage, unwanted sexual advances, drug abuse, or theft. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I understand that the Valley facilities are simple and that there is limited electricity, no television and limited hot water. I know that I am expected to participate in chores such as cleaning and cooking, food is oriented towards a diet that is both simple and healthy, and that meat is only served occasionally. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I understand that the Valley is a long-term undertaking and that project work is oriented towards achieving the long-term vision of the Valley. Projects can be laborious and repetitive and may be undertaken in all weather conditions. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I understand that while there is an enormous range of possible recreation and social activities to be shared in the programme, that choices are dependent on weather, season, and the wishes of the group as a whole. Some compromises and sacrifices are fundamental to sharing in a group process. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I accept that if I choose to cancel my stay, abandon the programme, or am asked to leave the Valley, I will forfeit any donations/contributions paid, and the ability to undertake any of the remaining activities in the programme.  
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I have read and understood these guidelines. My initials at each point indicate my willingness to abide by them during the programme. I understand that if I am unable to do so, I risk being asked to leave the Valley.

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Signature & Date