

Project Affinity

Weekend & Visitation Policy

****Subject to change. A final version will be provided with the participant contract.***

Project Affinity is an intense immersion experience. Moreover, it is a group experience. Participants spend considerable time with other participants in order to get to know each other and share the experience. To achieve the goals of the program, participants agree to adhere to the following weekend and visitation policy. Participants will be treated as and expected to carry themselves as respectful, responsible adults. As such, this policy doesn't reflect a paternalistic philosophy, but rather provides general guidelines and expectations that will promote a positive group experience.

Weekends: Participants can leave the Archwood House and the Cleveland area for **one weekend per month**, which would be two weekends for the duration of the program. Leaving means you can be anywhere you choose other than Archwood House for part of or the entire weekend. Other weekends are somewhat flexible in that participants may choose their own activities but must stay overnight in the Archwood House – i.e. shopping, movies, library, hanging out with other participants, sleeping in, doing laundry, reading, etc. Please remember that public transportation is available. The Student Director, in consultation with other participants, will plan occasional group activities on the weekends (i.e. trip to downtown Cleveland, cultural events and other fun activities). While these activities will be optional based on who's around and who's interested – there is an expectation that participants will make time to spend with other group members.

Longer vacations: Vacations beyond the scope of the weekend policy should be planned **before or after** Project Affinity.

Guests: Participants should limit outside guests Monday through Friday. However, guests may visit during the week after evening reflection activities. This is also a time when group members talk and get to know one another too. And, most likely you will be pretty tired during the week with your service and travel, so you probably won't do much entertaining in the evening during the week. The group will set the time when activities are over when you meet for orientation which will dictate when evening free time begins. **Weekend guests:** participants are free to have weekend guests but should notify the Student Director and group members in advance. Participants must find a space in the house for overnight guests so as not to interfere with roommates' privacy.