

## **ABUNDANT LIFE ACADEMY PARENT VISITATION POLICY**

It is the express desire of Abundant Life Academy (ALA) to do all that we can to foster an environment of growth and family restoration for all of our students and their families. Working towards that goal we have developed the Parent Visitation Policy to help organize family visits to the ALA campus. This will streamline the visits and help to make them more fruitful and productive for the families, students, and the staff of ALA. This policy is effective immediately.

The following is the Trimester guidelines for visits:

- Once your student obtains 2nd Trimester or above they are eligible for their family to visit and spend time with them off campus in accordance with the below guidelines.
- If your student is on 1st Trimester the only visiting that is allowed will be when the Parents attend the Family Workshop weekend which they will attend with their student so as to go through the coaching and training together. If your student is a 1st Trimester student they are not allowed to leave the campus.
- ***The parents are required to complete their Parent Coaching to be eligible to attend a workshop/conference, or to visit their child.***

1. The 3rd weekend of each month is designated as the Parent Visitation Weekend. The only exception to this is the months of November and December. (Please see the Holiday Visitation Policy). The Program Director must approve the visit.

2. We require a 2 weeks notice that you are coming to visit your student.

3 You will be able to pick up your student on Friday afternoon after 5:00pm. They will be able to spend Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday with you doing fun family activities. We suggest that you do family oriented outings such as visiting the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Hover Dam, etc. We strongly suggest that you *do not* take them to Las Vegas to go shopping, etc. As we are working with entitled students and this will only lead to more entitlementitis. This is a time for you to spend in family restoration and it is not about taking them places or spending a great deal of money on them. If your student demands to go to Las Vegas then perhaps they are not ready for this step of family restoration and you might want to re-evaluate your visit. We have information on campus that can help you with ideas of fun things to do in the local area.

4 It is your responsibility to monitor your child while they are off campus. Please remember that everything they do affects the entire community of Abundant Life Academy and how the small community that we live in views it. We suggest the following guidelines for the off campus visit:

- The student is not allowed to use a cell phone or the hotel room phone to contact their friends back home.
- The student is not allowed to use a computer while off campus
- The student is not allowed to drive a vehicle while off campus
- The student is in the presence of their parent(s) ***at all times*** and is not allowed to wander around by themselves.

5 You may also request a meeting or coaching session with any of our Staff members while you are visiting the campus. Please make sure that you set this up 2 weeks before your visit so the staff member that you would like to meet with will be able to add you to his/her schedule. Please speak to said Staff member directly to set this up.

6 The students that are out with their parents must be returned no later than 3:00pm on Sunday afternoon. This enables our Staff to have time to prepare the students for the upcoming week before they retire for the evening. We believe that with the above guidelines you will have a fruitful and awesome visit with your student.

As always, please remember that if a problem arises with your student during an off campus visit please contact us immediately.

**By signing below I am stating that I have read and understand the above policy and agree to follow it.**

**Printed Name of Parent** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ABUNDANT LIFE ACADEMY  
HOLIDAY ON CAMPUS VISITATION POLICY**

It is the express desire of Abundant Life Academy (ALA) to do all that we can to foster an environment of growth and family restoration for all of our students and their families. Working towards that goal we have developed the Holiday Visitation Policy to help organize Holiday visits to the ALA campus. This will streamline the visits and help to make them more fruitful and productive for the families, students, and the staff of ALA. This policy is for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. This policy is effective immediately.

The following is the Trimester guidelines for visits:

- If your student is a 1st trimester student please be aware that as difficult as it might be to realize, your student may not be mentally or emotionally ready for you to visit them. Please visit with our Program Director, (PD) to determine if your child is ready for you to visit them, as he will be responsible for determining if a student that is on 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester is ready for a family visit.
- ***The parents are required to complete their Parent Coaching to be eligible to attend a workshop/conference, or to visit their child.***
- If the PD has determined that your student is ready for a family visit (and the parents have completed their parent coaching) and they are a 1st Trimester student then you will be allowed to visit the campus for the Thanksgiving and/or

Christmas Holidays as directed by the PD. As a 1st Trimester student, they will not be able to leave the campus for a visit, but you will be able to come and spend the holidays on campus with them in accordance with the below guidelines.

- If your student is a 2nd Trimester student or above they are eligible for their family to visit and spend time with them off campus in accordance with the below guidelines. For Thanksgiving, you will be able to arrive on campus the Wednesday before Thanksgiving after 5:00pm to pick up your student. They will be able to spend Wednesday night, Thursday night and Friday night with you and will be required to be back on campus by 3:00pm Saturday afternoon. For Christmas, you will be able to arrive on campus on the 23rd of December after 5:00pm to pick up your student. They will be able to spend that night, Christmas Eve night, and Christmas Day and night with you and will be required to be back on campus the day after Christmas by 3:00pm that afternoon.
- If your student is a 3rd Trimester student they are eligible to go home for the holiday to be with their family. Please visit with the PD as the PD will be responsible for determining if a student is ready for a home visit. (Please see the Home Restoration Visitation Policy included)

1. We require a 2 weeks notice that you are coming to visit your student.

2. It is your responsibility to monitor your child while they are off campus. Please remember that everything they do affects the entire community of Abundant Life Academy and how it is viewed by the small community that we live in. We suggest the following guidelines for the off campus visit:

- The student is not allowed to use a cell phone or the hotel room phone to contact their friends back home.
- The student is not allowed to use a computer while off campus
- The student is not allowed to drive a vehicle while off campus
- The student is in the presence of their parent(s) *at all times* and is not allowed to wander around by themselves.

3. We suggest that you do family oriented outings such as visiting the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Hoover Dam, etc. We strongly suggest that you *do not* take them to Las Vegas to go shopping, etc. As we are dealing with entitled students and this will only lead to more entitlementitis. This is a time for you to spend in family restoration and it is not about taking them places or spending a great deal of money on them.

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If your student demands to go to Las Vegas then perhaps they are not ready for this step of family restoration and you might want to re-evaluate your visit. We have information on campus that can help you with ideas of fun things to do in the local area. We also have great things planned for the holidays and if you wish to participate in them you are more than welcome to do so.

4. We encourage you to remind your student what the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are truly about. It is not about bringing a bunch of gifts for your child. Please remember we are working with entitled students. This is a time to encourage your child to do for others. Ask the staff what local events for the needy are planned. This is a great opportunity for your family to serve the needy together and to show the love of Christ!

We believe that with the above guidelines you will have a fruitful and awesome visit with your student. As always, please remember that if a problem arises with your student during an off campus visit please contact us immediately.

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### **ABUNDANT LIFE ACADEMY HOME RESTORATION VISITATION POLICY**

It is the desire of Abundant Life Academy to promote family restoration in all phases of a student's tenure at ALA. The focus of the Home Restoration Visit must be with the family ***only***. We at Abundant Life Academy highly recommend that during this time the family exploit this opportunity to spend time together as a unit. We have put together the following guidelines to help make the home visit fruitful and rewarding for the student and the family.

***In order for a student to be eligible for a home visit, the parents must have completed the Parent Coaching and have attended one (1) Family Restoration Workshop/Conference.***

We can not convey strongly enough that this is not the time to let the student spend time with old friends, hang out at the mall, spend an exorbitant amount of time in front of the television or gaming unit, or otherwise spend time away from the family, thus minimizing the intent of the Restoration Visit. We recommend the following:

1. The student is not allowed to use a cell phone or home phone to contact their friends while at home.
2. The student is not allowed to spend time with or visit old friends.
3. The student is not allowed to use a computer while at home.
4. The student is not allowed to drive a vehicle without their parent(s) while at home.

5. The student is in the presence of their parent(s) *at all times* and is not allowed to wander around by themselves. Remember, this is an opportunity for you to spend time *together as a family*.

The Home Restoration Visit is a critical component of gauging a student's progress within the program. The student is allowed to apply principals and practices they have learned while at home in his/her former environment. While on the visit, a student will not have the support system intrinsically built in at ALA with coaches and peers available during stressful situations. The visit will allow issues to surface for ALA staff to focus on during the student's remaining time in the program to ensure restoration at the time of graduation. As this is the first time the student has returned to the environment that created their former TWIST (the way I see things), Abundant Life Academy has provided the following guidelines and procedures for this critical component in the growth of both the student and the entire family.

### **THIRD TRIMESTER RESTORATION VISIT:**

**The following is a list of prerequisites before a student is even considered for a Restoration Visit:**

1. The student's parents *must have attended* a monthly Family Workshop.
2. The student's parents must have completed their coaching sessions with the Family Coach and Pastor.
3. The student must be on Third Semester.
4. If the student is very close to Third Semester then the Program Director (PD) can make an exception of the above rule if they feel the student is ready for this step.

**The following is the procedures and guidelines for the Restoration Visit:**

1. The student's parents must set up the Restoration Visit with the PD as it is the PD's responsibility to determine if the student is ready for a home visit.
2. We require 2 weeks notice of an impending home visit.
3. The Restoration Visit will encompass five (5) days in total:
  - 1 day for travel to the Restoration Visit.
  - 3 days for the Restoration Visit.
  - 1 day for travel from the Restoration Visit.

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Arrangements will be made, by Abundant Life Academy, for qualified staff to transport students to the Las Vegas airport, for the purpose of a home visit, on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month with return on the following Monday.** Flights will be arranged by the parents on these two days, to **arrive or depart between the hours of**

**11:00 a.m. Pacific Time and 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** A travel fee of \$150 each way or \$300 round trip will be charged to the parents of the student being transported.

**Alternate options:**

For any circumstances requiring a flight on days other than those listed above, parents will contact Russ Welch from Transporteens to make the transport arrangements to or from the Las Vegas airport. Transporteens will provide this service at a cost to the parents of \$300 one way or \$600 round trip. If these arrangements are needed parents can contact Russ Welch at 435-862-8954.

1. Parents may choose to either pick the student up in person or may arrange for flight travel for their student.

*2. In the event that the student is to travel via an airline, the student's parents will insure that the student's itinerary will have the student leave the Las Vegas Airport between 11AM and 3PM on the prescribed Thursday and return to the Las Vegas Airport between 11AM and 3PM on the corresponding Monday.*

3. Abundant Life Academy will provide transportation and supervision to and from the Las Vegas Airport in the event that a student is traveling via an airline.

4. Final approval of the Restoration Visit must be made by the Program Director after all items listed above have been satisfied.

We believe that with the above guidelines you will have a fruitful and awesome visit with your student. As always, please remember that if a problem arises with your student during an off campus visit please contact us immediately.

For holiday visits (Thanksgiving and Christmas) please see the following page titled, "Holiday Home Restoration Visitation".

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**Graduation Travel**

Arrangements will be made, by Abundant Life Academy, for qualified staff to transport students to the Las Vegas airport to return home, following their graduation, on **Saturday following graduation.** Graduation is held on the last Thursday of every month. Flights will be arranged by the parents, on this day between the hours of **11:00 a.m. Pacific**

**Time and 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** A travel fee of \$150 will be charged to the parents of the student being transported.

### **Graduation Travel Alternate Option**

For any circumstances requiring a flight on days other than those listed above, parents will contact Russ Welch from Transporteens to make the transport arrangements to or from the Las Vegas airport. Transporteens will provide this service at a cost to the parents of \$300 one way or \$600 round trip. If these arrangements are needed parents can contact Russ Welch at 435-862-8954.

### **ABUNDANT LIFE ACADEMY HOLIDAY HOME RESTORATION VISITATION POLICY**

The policy for the Holiday Home Restoration Visitation carries the *exact same rules and guidelines as stated in the Home Restoration Visitation Policy except that the travel dates have been changed. The student must meet all of the requirements stated in the Home Restoration Visitation Policy.*

*In order for a student to be eligible for a home visit, the parents must have completed the Parent Coaching and have attended one (1) Family Restoration Workshop/Conference.*

The travel dates for the holidays are as follows. We require *three (3)* weeks notice of an impending holiday home visit

#### **THANKSGIVING**

- The Restoration Visit will encompass five (5) days in total
- 1 day for travel to the Restoration Visit.
- 3 days for the Restoration Visit.
- 1 day for travel from the Restoration Visit.

*In the event that the student is to travel via an airline, the student's parents will insure that the student's itinerary will have the student leave the Las Vegas Airport between **11am and 3pm** on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and returning to the Las Vegas Airport between **11am and 3pm** on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.*

1. If the student is going home for the holiday and is not traveling via airline it is the parent's sole responsibility to pick up their student from the campus on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and return the student to the campus on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

## CHRISTMAS

- The Restoration Visit will encompass five (5) days in total
- 1 day for travel to the Restoration Visit.
- 3 days for the Restoration Visit.
- 1 day for travel from the Restoration Visit.

In the event that the student is to travel via an airline, the student's parents will insure that the student's itinerary will have the student leave the Las Vegas Airport between **11am and 3pm** on December 22nd and returning to the Las Vegas Airport between **11am and 3pm** on December 26th.

1. If the student is going home for the holiday and is not traveling via airline it is the parent's sole responsibility to pick up their student from the campus on the December 22nd and return the student to the campus on December 26th.
2. We encourage you to remind your student what the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays are truly about. It is not about receiving a bunch of gifts. Please remember we are working with entitled students. This is a time to encourage your child to do for others. One recommendation is that instead of purchasing gifts for your family you could adopt a needy family (anonymously) in your area and provide Christmas for them. It is an awesome family time to go out and shop for the family that you adopted. This is a great opportunity for your family to serve the needy together and to show the love of Christ! On Christmas day you could also serve at a homeless shelter or soup kitchen!