The Institute is an academic community -- students and teachers living and working together to gain knowledge, share experiences, and develop skills. Behavior that detracts from this atmosphere will not be tolerated. Students who threaten the academic and educational atmosphere of the program by violating this code must be dismissed to protect those students who wish to make the most out of this opportunity.

Because Institute students are minors, special procedures have been developed to facilitate their experience of living in a college environment. We are asking each student and their parent or guardian to sign the conduct code so that students and parents know what is expected during the Institute.

SUPERVISION: Students must be accounted for. Students will attend instructional sessions unless specifically excused. Students who go off-campus except during meal times must sign out with the Resident Assistant on duty and be accompanied by an adult associated with the Institute. Bed check will occur at 11 PM in the beginning, at which time all students must be in their rooms. Students must remain in the dormitory between bed check and 7:00 AM. Students will cooperate with and follow the directions of Institute and University staff.

BED CHECK TIMES MAY BE MOVED UP IF NECESSARY.

SAFETY: Students must refrain from behavior that endangers their safety and the safety of others. This includes tampering with safety mechanisms (fire doors, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, etc.) and rough behavior which involves risk.

PROPERTY: Students must respect the property of others and of the University. Students will be held individually and collectively responsible for damages done to the facilities or related property. Students are responsible for their personal property and will not hold the University responsible for loss or damage, however caused. Participants are advised to procure personal insurance against such eventualities.

LAWS: Students will obey the laws of the US, Vermont, and Burlington. This is especially applicable to student possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. These offenses will warrant immediate dismissal from the Institute.

NOISE: An academic environment requires noise control. Both music and loud talking must be kept limited to specific times and places. When asked to turn music down or be quieter students MUST comply.

DORMITORY ACCESS: The dorm is not a public place, but is reserved for Institute staff and students. Guests must be registered with the Resident Assistant on duty. Challenge and report those in the building who are not faculty, students, or staff. Locked doors must NEVER be propped open.

IMPLEMENTATION: Offenses will be reported to parents. Students will be either suspended temporarily from Institute functions or sent home. Parents should understand that if students are incapable of following this code, they will be sent home at parental expense, at any time, and without a refund.

LIABILITY: I give permission for my child, ______________________ (name) to participate in the World Debate Institute. I understand that even after reasonable precautions have been taken, Institute activities may involve hazards, and that the University of Vermont will provide each participant with due care, but that the University of Vermont cannot ensure my child will remain free of injury. I, nonetheless, wish to have my child participate. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the University of Vermont, its trustees, officers, employees and agents from any and all losses, penalties, injuries, damages, settlements, costs or other expense or liabilities arising out of camp activities. This release, however, is not intended to release the University of Vermont from causes of action arising out of the sole negligence of the University of Vermont, its trustees, officers, employees or agents.

NAME OF STUDENT:

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ______________________ Date ________

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: ______________________ Date ________