

Chaperone Responsibilities

The things you can do to make this trip successful!

1. Be with your group at all times! If you must leave the group for some reason, make sure that another adult chaperone is supervising the group.
2. Never send a child anywhere alone without adult supervision. Camp is very spread out and it is important to campers' safety that they are always with an adult. Never send students back to the village without an adult with them! When a student has to leave the group for the bathroom or nurse, please send them with a buddy.
3. During classes, meetings and activities always sit with your cabin group and participate in whatever your campers are doing. (Unless you're asked to only observe by Weona staff.)
4. Watch for illness or homesickness among your group. Remember that students may not feel comfortable enough in this new situation to tell you their problems.
5. Set a good example for your group by modeling good behavior. Follow all rules (no candy, gum, etc.) be positive and enthusiastic about activities, dress appropriately for weather, etc.
6. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for the days' activities and for the weather.
7. Please get your group to all classes, activities and meals on time. Allow for walking time because camp is spread out.
8. Help to enforce camp rules and to encourage positive behavior from students.

In the Cabin

1. Remember to keep your cabin group together in the cabin at night. Do not allow visiting in other cabins or running around in the village.
2. Do not allow horseplay in the cabins (i.e., jumping from bunk to bunk, running, pillow fights etc.).
3. Calm your campers down at quiet time with songs, stories or discussions of the day's events. Come prepared to put your campers to sleep with a quieting activity at the end of each day.
4. Do not tell scary stories or allow your campers to tell them. This can spoil a student's camp experience.

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In the Dining Hall

1. Sit with your group at all meals. Assign a waiter and bus person and make sure that they are doing their jobs.
2. Encourage polite table manners, passing of food and quiet voices. Please make sure that all students in the group get a first helping when food arrives at your table. Waiters will be called up for seconds later in the meal, but students must learn to share the firsts until then.
3. Do not allow any campers up from the table during meals except the waiter and the bus person. Set a good example by staying at the table yourself.
4. Make sure all students in your group help with scraping and stacking the dishes at your table to make things easier for the bus person.
5. Do not allow campers to leave the dining hall until the table has been cleared and wiped off and the group has been dismissed.
6. Please do not have any food or drink that the campers do not have. We are all equal at camp.
7. Please do not go into the kitchen for any reason.
8. Coffee and tea are available during meals for adults but are not to be given to students.

During Rotation Classes and Activities

1. Be involved as much as possible in all activities. You are a role model and your interest will help to stimulate the interest of the students.
2. Keep an eye on your group and take charge of any situation where a student is being impolite or not following directions and guidelines of the YMCA Camp Weona OE Leader.
3. Assist the teachers and Weona staff in the lesson in whatever way you are asked to assist.
4. Have fun and learn, but remember not to give students the answers to problems or help with questions unless specifically asked to do so. The students must do the learning and discovering themselves!