

Community School Field Education Adult Chaperone/Volunteer Expectations

As a chaperone/volunteer you will be playing an integral role in our Field Education Program. The demands placed on you will vary depending on the nature of the trip in which you are participating, but the following general guidelines will hold true for any Field Education trip.

Note: prior to being a chaperone/volunteer at the school you are required to do a background check. Please see the school secretary for the applicable forms.

You are in a position of responsibility for the duration of the trip. You may (and probably will) be asked to take on specific responsibilities, such as supervising certain children or activities, cooking and/or cleaning, helping to set up tents, caring for a sick child, running an errand, etc. Even when you are not in a position of specific responsibility, you are in a position of general responsibility for the well-being of all participants and the successful attainment of the trip goals for all participants. As such, you are expected to:

1. Stay with the group at all times and participate in all group activities.
2. Sleep in the immediate vicinity of the group. (You may be asked to camp in a specific location to supervise a tent group or groups.)
3. Refrain from tobacco, alcohol and/or illegal drug use. These are expressly forbidden for all participants in any Field Education trip or school activity.
4. Abide by all rules and expectations for trip participants. (E.g. adults are required to wear lifejackets on raft trips.)
5. Model responsible adult behavior.
6. Take on specific responsibilities as needed.
7. Complete an annual background check PRIOR to attending any ODE experiences.

Staff on the trips are ultimately responsible for the trip and all participants. As such, they have the final say in any discussion or decision. Be sure to communicate your needs to them, and always check in if you are unsure about what is expected of you, or if you have any question about how to handle a certain situation.

I have read and agree to these responsibilities and expectations.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name (Printed) _____