



Chaperone Expectations

- At least one chaperone is to stay with each group as they go through activities (teambuilding, outdoor education classes, etc.). Parents are encouraged to not go with the same group their child is in.
- Chaperones are responsible to step in and assist with discipline related issues as they arise. This may include removing a student or students from the activity and staying with them.
- Chaperones also assist with escorting students to cabins, bathrooms, etc. as needed.
- Chaperones should also stay engaged with the activities and may ask questions as needed and participate in processing/wrap-up discussion.
 - Our program philosophy focuses on hands-on learning, personal growth and group process involving novel activities, many with some level of challenge. Many of these activities are done with *intension*. The challenge or tension can vary greatly among individuals within the same group but it is an important thread of the learning experience where the participants work through situations together.
 - Your partnership with our staff helps guide this experience in a way that maintains safety but does not “take over”. Teambuilding activities are designed for the group to problem-solve and work through each challenge on their own. In most cases, adult input should be reserved for direct safety intervention and facilitating debriefing times. This means we often do not tell participants *how* to complete challenges but help them understand ways to work together to solve problems. It is your challenge to not “rescue” students who may be struggling.
- Chaperones are responsible for direct student supervision during non-Covenant Harbor led program activities.
- Chaperones are responsible for primary first aid attention as needed.
- Chaperones are expected to assist with various aspects of some programmed activities (e.g. helping with the zip line ladder).
- Primary chaperones should limit cell phone use for personal business during program times. Covenant Harbor staff use cell phones to confirm and relay program related information.