

Chaperone Expectations

Chaperones are a vital part of any group's trip to the Environmental Learning Center. Our staff, the students, and their teachers count on chaperones to help make the trip a success for all. If you will be chaperoning a trip, the school's lead teacher should distribute to you the Adult Chaperone Guide which lays out your responsibilities. NOTE: All chaperones must be at least 21 years of age.

Tips for Top-Notch Chaperones:

- Review the Chaperone Guide
(<http://www.eagle-bluff.org/file/repository/K-12%20Trip%20Planners/Chaperone%20Guide.pdf>)

(<https://wolf-ridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/chaperone-information.pdf>)
- Please be prepared to be present and involved in class. We hope you will enjoy actively learning along with the students. Your enthusiasm and interest in the ELC classes will spread to the students. Your participation is the best management technique.
- The outdoors is our classroom. Please limit cell phone use to private areas such as your room, the chaperone lounge, and the parking lots.
- Students at the ELC are expected to show respect for the environment, the instructors and fellow students. Please model this respect throughout your stay, including listening quietly during presentations, picking up any trash found along the trail, and following our recycling and FoodWISE procedures.
- An ELC Naturalist will lay out their expectations at the start of each class. Please be prepared to help enforce these expectations.
- Please be prepared to act as a belayer at Rock Climbing or be willing to go up on the High Ropes course during TreeTops class.
- You may be asked to remove a student from class for not meeting the instructor's behavior expectations.
- Please be prepared to enforce guidelines, as laid out by your liaison, in between classes, in the dorms, and at the dining hall.
- Please check to make sure students are wearing appropriate clothing before they leave the dorm.
- Students will expend much energy while at the ELC. Please check in with them at meals to make sure they are eating enough food and drinking enough water.

Fill out the paper copy and return to the office. Chaperone Applications must be submitted by August 10.

Environmental Learning Center
Parent Chaperone Application (Required for all Chaperone Applicants)

Circle which trip you'd like to apply for: 6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Please print the following information:

Parent's Name_____

Student's Name_____

Student's Grade_____

If more than one child is enrolled in middle school, please only write the name/grade of the child you wish to accompany.

Phone Number:_____ (best number to reach you)

Email Address:

This year the ELC dates are **September 16-17 for sixth grade and September 18-20 for seventh and eighth grade.** We will leave DaVinci Monday morning and return to school on Wednesday afternoon. Parents will need to ride the bus to the ELC unless pre-arranged with the trip coordinators. As a chaperone you will share a dorm room with other chaperones. As a chaperone you will share supervisory duties for the many different activities throughout the day and evening and must be willing to carry and administer emergency inhalers and/or Epi-pens. It is important to keep in mind that all classes include an outdoor segment regardless of weather. We also ask that in order to participate as a chaperone you must be willing to pay the chaperone fee of \$150.00.

Are you able to commit to the two/three days of camp? _____YES _____NO

Are you willing to stand on a ropes course tower to help guide students through the course (30 feet in the air)? _____YES
_____ NO

Have you been a chaperone to an ELC before? _____ YES _____ NO

If you answered YES, are you interested in being the "head chaperone"? This person would help with scheduling and help to answer chaperone questions and needs. _____ YES _____ NO

We do our very best to place parent chaperones with their own children. But sometimes we need more hands on certain activities. Would you be willing to be in a different group from your child? _____ YES _____ NO

Do you have professional medical qualifications? _____YES _____NO

If you answered YES, briefly describe your qualifications/experience and your willingness to help at the ELC as a medical professional.

Please use the back of this form to provide us with any other information you think is important for us to know before we select our adult chaperones. **School district policy requires a criminal background check of all adults accompanying students to this field trip. The office will contact you if we do not have a background check on file.**

Return this form by August 10, 2019, to the DaVinci main office (ATTN: Stephanie Severson).
LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.