

Adult Chaperone Guidelines

Thank you for providing an opportunity for students to experience outdoor education - a unique way of learning - and thank you for taking YOUR time to share this experience with them! During your stay at Rock Eagle, you will be going through a variety of exciting classes and activities. To ensure that we provide the best programming possible, we ask that you as chaperones (all teachers, school staff, parents, etc.) assist us with these few tasks:

Assist with Managing Students

- ☘ Please help us with enforcing rules by keeping students accountable. Students should always be supervised. No students should be in any cabin, building, or outdoor area unsupervised. This includes during mealtimes, canteen times, and free time.
- ☘ Report any disciplinary/school related incidents to the lead teacher from the school.
- ☘ Our classes are very fun and can excite the students. While we want them to enjoy themselves, we ask that you assist us with minimizing excessive talking that may disrupt the class.

Make Sure Students are Ready for Class

- ☘ Please help us ensure that students are prepared for class before class-time. This includes making sure they have water, proper footwear (like water shoes or closed-toe shoes), a jacket/rain jacket, bug spray/sunscreen, medical supplies (EpiPens, inhalers, etc.) or whatever is required for their next class.
- ☘ Students should be prepared for the next class BEFORE enjoying their free time.
- ☘ Before it is time for class (aim for 5 minutes prior to class), please make sure all students in your animal learning group are present in their assigned Homebuilding by their sign ready to go as this will help start class in a timely manner.
- ☘ In addition to class, please be prompt in bringing your animal learning group to mealtimes and canteen times.

Engage with the Classes

- ☘ You are a part of the class as well; it really makes a difference in class when chaperones are attentive and involved by helping staff and students.
- ☘ We want to teach you too! We love for adults to learn alongside the students! Please be mindful and let students to ask and answer questions first.
- ☘ We are a team! Please do not abandon your animal learning groups, instructors, or fellow chaperones during class. We require adults to always be with the group during classes.

Team Cleaning

- ☘ Dining Hall – please help students clean up after themselves and leave the space as clean as they found it; this includes, taking trays, picking up trash, pushing in chairs, etc.
- ☘ Cabins – On departure day, cabins will need to be cleaned and vacated by 8:30 AM. This includes but is not limited to removing linens, removing trash, etc.
- ☘ Remember, these are life skills we are trying to teach students so encourage positivity while supervising cleaning.

Communicate with the Staff

- ☘ We are all here to help. If you have any requests, questions or concerns, please ask your Lead Staff. We will do our best to provide you with a solution and ensure a great experience.
- ☘ Please complete Guest Evaluations with constructive feedback. Your input helps us to improve future programs!

Positive Role Model

- ☘ Adults are required to follow student and adult rules for both your school and Rock Eagle 4-H Center.
- ☘ Lead students by example. All adults are group leaders and expected to role model appropriate behaviors.
- ☘ Your positive (and negative) attitudes are contagious. Please put your best foot forward.
- ☘ Encourage students to be independent, open-minded and grow with their experiences.
- ☘ We request adults to limit cell phone use during our programs. If you receive a call you feel you must take during class, we ask that you step away from the group so as not to distract the students. Feel free to take photos!

Again, we would like to thank you for taking the time to accompany the students on this trip. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to meeting you all and creating fun new learning experiences!