

Yellowstone Chaperones Job Description

As a Yellowstone Chaperone you will be taking on the responsibility of the Arlee School in ensuring these students have a fun, safe and educational trip. A field trip they will remember for the rest of their life. It is our desire for each and every student on this trip show the deepest respect for themselves, other members of the adventure, and Yellowstone National Park

Being a chaperone has its own set of responsibilities:

1. Be a role model for the students in the group.
2. Be up and ready to assist the kitchen by 4:30 am in the morning, so breakfast can be ready by 5:00 am.
3. Eat Breakfast and have your lunch packed by 5:30 am.
4. Roll up your sleeping bag, and put it in a stuff sack or plastic bag off the ground each day. If you have a cot, put it on the cot with the rest of your belongings.
5. Be totally ready to leave camp by 6:15 am.
6. Be physically fit. We will be hiking in the mountains from 7000 – 10,000 feet with some hikes gaining 3000 feet in elevation, and taking the better part of the day.
7. If you feel that you can't complete a hike, admit it, and opt out of the hike. Just let Mr. Hill know what you decide to do.
8. On the bus, you have the supervisory responsibility of chaperone. If you see or hear anything out of the ordinary, or deem a situation needing addressed, do so. I will back you up 100%.
9. Keep a clean camp. Watch for any littering, and address the student doing it, to promptly clean it up.
10. Watch for food spillage, or messes. Grizzly bears like our food, and they will be attracted to any food odors or scraps around camp. Address issues of pouring out of drinks on the ground or around camp. All discarded drinks should be poured into the Dishwashing sink between the rest rooms, any discarded food should be put in the trash.
11. On the hikes, act the leader and take charge of a group of students so they can have individual or small group experiences. We will all have radios to keep in contact with each other. If you don't feel good doing this as a small group leader on hikes, jump in with another chaperone to help supervise the small group. Keep the students within 100 meters of the leader of the group. Don't let the students take off on their own. Yellowstone is too dangerous to go off alone.
12. When we return to camp, please jump in to help with dinner. We have two fantastic cooks on the trip who like to do some hikes with us. They will need help getting set up for dinner as soon as we return from a day of adventure. Assist with assigning chores from the chore list and helping in any way possible to facilitate.
13. From Dinner until bed time, remind the kids of when First call for bed (9:00 pm), All in their tents (9:30 pm) and all quiet (10:00 pm). Quiet hours in the camp are from 8:00 pm until 8:00 am. If you hear or see anything that is violating this campground requirement, step in and remind the kids of the rules.
14. Have as much fun as possible. Laugh a lot, and often.