

## **Summer Haus Youth Series Chaperone Policy for Group Field Trips**

At Summer Haus, we are committed to creating a safe, engaging, and enjoyable environment for all our campers. Our group field trips are designed to enhance the camp experience by providing educational and fun outings that align with our camp's themes and values. Parents who wish to volunteer as chaperones play a crucial role in maintaining the safety and success of these trips. To ensure the well-being of our campers and the effectiveness of our field trips, we have established the following policy for parent chaperones:

### **Eligibility and Requirements**

1. **CORI Form Submission:** All parents interested in volunteering as chaperones must complete a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) request form. This process is essential for ensuring the safety of our campers by verifying the background of all volunteers.
2. **Identification Verification:** Along with the CORI form, a valid form of identification (Driver's License, State Identification Card, or Passport) must be submitted to verify the identity of the volunteer.
3. **Behavior and Conduct Agreement:** All chaperones must sign an agreement outlining acceptable behavior and conduct while on field trips. This includes adhering to all camp rules, maintaining a positive and respectful attitude, and actively engaging in supervising campers.

### **Responsibilities of Chaperones**

- **Supervision:** Chaperones are responsible for the direct supervision of a small group of campers, ensuring their safety, well-being, and adherence to camp rules at all times.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Familiarize yourself with the camp's emergency procedures and carry emergency contact information for camp staff and all campers in your group.
- **Active Participation:** Be an active participant in all field trip activities, offering encouragement and support to campers.
- **Communication:** Maintain open communication with camp staff and report any concerns or incidents immediately.

## **Prohibited Activities**

- Use of Personal Devices: Chaperones should limit the use of personal devices to emergencies only. Focus should remain on supervising and engaging with the campers.
- Leaving the Group: Chaperones must stay with their assigned group at all times unless otherwise instructed by camp staff.
- Disciplining Campers: Chaperones should report any behavioral issues to camp staff, who will handle the discipline according to camp policies.

## **Acknowledgement**

All parent chaperones must acknowledge they have read and understood this policy by signing an agreement form. This ensures that everyone involved is committed to providing a safe and positive experience for our campers.

We deeply appreciate the willingness of parents to contribute their time and energy as chaperones. Together, we can ensure that our field trips are not only fun but also enriching and safe for every camper. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

For any questions or to express your interest in becoming a chaperone, please contact our camp office.

Sincerely,

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