



# Needed: Chaperones for Fifth Grade Camp

Dear Parents,

We are looking ahead to fifth grade camp at CAMP PINWOOD on May 20–22. The fifth grade teachers work hard to make preparations for this fantastic field trip. In order for this trip to run smoothly, we need great parent volunteers. Camp is always loads of fun and parents go for free!

On the back of this sheet is a copy of chaperone expectations while at camp. If you are interested in joining us at camp, please complete the bottom half of this note and return it to school by March 11. If we have too many parent volunteers, we will draw names out of a hat. We will confirm the parents who will be attending camp by March 23.

Thanks so much!

Mrs. Ball

Mrs. Burdis

Mr. Gort

Mrs. Walenta



## Chaperone Drawing Slip

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Must be returned by March 11th to be entered in the drawing.



# Expectations of Chaperones

Chaperones are an integral part of Camp Pinewood experiences. Whether a teacher or a parent, a chaperone helps to set the tone of groups at camp. The staff at Camp Pinewood could never do their jobs without the help of chaperones! If at all possible, "student-free" time will be scheduled for all chaperones. Otherwise, it is the very important responsibility of every visiting school to ensure that students are always supervised! Here are the expectations of chaperones as they apply to specific situations:

## Program Rotations

All parents will be assigned to a small group. As the chaperone of a small group, this person will be expected to handle attention/focus issues. While the staff encourage chaperone participation, it will be important to remember that children will learn best if allowed to problem solve on their own. Chaperones are also asked to respect the authority of the staff member they are assisting. At some program areas chaperones may be asked to help (ex. Tightening harnesses) to expedite the activity.

## Meal Times

In order to help meals go smoothly, either one teacher or parent will need to be at each table. Camp staff will instruct the group on meal procedures. It is asked that chaperones help keep their tables listening and following directions.

## Recreation Time

Recreation time offers students a chance to choose their own activity. Chaperones typically attend the activity their child chooses, or if not with their own child, they may choose an activity that interests them. Chaperones should still monitor behavior and respect the directions given by camp staff, and each activity still requires the presence of at least one chaperone.

## Check-In

While students and staff are moving into cabins, it is asked that chaperones start to establish themselves as the cabin leader. This is a great time to discuss cabin rules that everyone can agree on. A camp staff member will meet with the chaperones to go over all camp rules, and to answer questions.

## Lights Out

Adequate sleep will help everyone stay focused for the next day's activities. When approaching time for lights out, be sure to let campers know how long they have to prepare for bed. Please remember to be considerate of your campers, and to let them know your expectations for lights out ahead of time. After lights out it is expected that all cabins will be quiet and going to sleep.

## Check-out

When the time comes to pack up and move out, it is the responsibility of the chaperone to make sure all belongings are claimed, the cabin is clean, swept, and garbage removed, and that the area surrounding the cabin is free of litter.

## Extras for chaperones to pack:

- Coffee Mug
- Camp Chair
- Alarm Clock
- Watch