

Reach Discipleship Camp

GROUP LEADER AND CHAPERONE POLICY

Each Group Leader and Chaperone must read and understand this sheet before signing the Chaperone Application. Please be sure that your entire group understands and abides by these policies.

Basic Role of Chaperones

1. The Reach Youth Ministry staff and teams depend on chaperones to help facilitate order and serve as support for the youth. It is important that chaperones, together with the staff and volunteers, be examples of compliance and cooperation on site.
2. Because of the physical demands of the youth camp, it is necessary that chaperones be in good health. It is not recommended that people with health problems participate as chaperones.
3. Chaperones should be constantly assessing the youth in their group to be aware of any special needs. They need to be comfortable talking, sharing, and praying with their youth. Adult chaperones are responsible for their youth at all times.

A chaperone's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Alcohol and Drugs

1. All state laws concerning alcohol and drugs (including tobacco) will be strictly enforced.
2. Possession and/or consumption of alcohol or drugs are not permitted on site during the camp.
3. All camp site buildings are smoke-free facilities.

2. Participation

1. It is expected that ALL camp participants be present at scheduled sessions during the camp.
2. At NO time is a youth participant allowed to leave the camp site without a chaperone.

3. Housing

1. Chaperones are responsible for making sure that youth are in the designated place at curfew time. We are guests Blessed Sacrament Parish and ask that it be left in better condition than it was found.
2. Absolutely NO food or drink, except water, is allowed in the housing facilities.

4. Appropriate Dress – Group Leaders/Chaperones are expected to enforce this dress code.

1. All participants are expected to dress in a fashion that represents modesty and good taste which respects the God-given dignity of the wearer, and other participants.
2. Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. Bikini tops, low cut tops, mini-skirts, short shorts or other inappropriate attire is not to be worn at any time at the camp. Males must wear shirts at all times. Clothing should not be worn that displays words, pictures, symbols or images that are considered vulgar, obscene or otherwise improper for a Catholic camp.

5. Insubordination

1. It is expected that adults will collaborate with and follow the direction of all camp staff, security and volunteers.
2. Any lack of cooperation or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

6. Lights Out

1. ALL youth must be in the sleeping areas by 11:30pm. Lights out at midnight!
2. An atmosphere of quiet and respect is expected after lights out.
3. Chaperones must complete room checks to account for youth in their group. Room checks are to be done by two adults to avoid any one adult being alone with a youth.

7. Appropriate language

1. Participants are expected to use positive and up-building speech during the camp.
2. Foul and abusive language will not be permitted.

8. Health Issues

1. Any special needs should be reported to the camp staff prior to registration.