

Chaperone expectations

Chaperones play an important role in the success of each program by mediating relationships between Sky School staff and students. To ensure this role is effective, we ask chaperones to help us in the following areas.

Safety. Chaperones are responsible for student safety during mealtimes, breaks, mornings before programs, and evenings after programs. Sky School staff are unavailable to supervise students at these times. Specific responsibilities include:

- Knowing where students are at all times. Chaperones may supervise outdoor play or morning/evening walks, but students should not be allowed to explore the campus or mountain without a chaperone.
- Administering medicine. Chaperones and teachers can administer medical care to students in line with regular school policy. Sky School staff are all trained in First Aid/ CPR/ AED should an injury occur.

Behavior. Chaperones are asked to help ensure programs are positive experiences for students by:

- Maintaining student behavior standards in line with the pre-program agreement and school expectations
- Preventing damage to facilities or the natural environment. We expect that students will not damage or destroy any of the University of Arizona's property, nor the National Forest resources on and around our campus.

Logistics. Chaperones can always help with site logistics. Specific areas include:

- Mealtime serving and cleanup - help is always appreciated.
- Dormitory cleanup - ensuring the dorms remain clean throughout the program, and particularly upon departure.

Inquiry. During instructional times, Sky School staff are responsible for teaching and group management. However, chaperones can still contribute in the following ways:

- Focusing. Chaperones can help keep students on-task in their work.
- Questioning. Chaperones can participate in lessons by asking questions or otherwise engaging in the material. However, a key part of the Sky School experience for students is authentic inquiry - please don't give answers to questions or prevent students from designing the inquiry project they have in mind.

Specific rules. Chaperones can help us enforce some common campus policies:

- Gender segregation. The dormitory with male students will be supervised only by male chaperones; female students, by female chaperones. Per UA policy, we do not permit mixed-sex housing.
- No white lights (e.g. flashlights) after dark and lights out in dormitories by 10:30. White light can interfere with astronomy research. Please help us keep the site dark and quiet for the researchers with whom we share the site.
- No students alone in dormitories or outside at any time. Mountain lions have been sighted on campus.
- No fires, fire-making implements, drugs (including cigarettes), or weapons of any sort are permitted for students, chaperones, teachers, or staff. The only exception is that adults may have small pocket-knives.
- If you are alone and lost with a student group and do not know your location, do not move. We will find you.
- If you hear an emergency air-horn, there is an emergency and the campus needs to be evacuated with a head-count. Please ensure you have all your students and bring them to the campus gate on the main entrance road.

All attending chaperones, please sign below to acknowledge that you have read the expectations and agree to them.
