

## Canoe Island Chaperones

We will need volunteers to chaperone for the Canoe Island trip. The number of male and female chaperones will depend on the number of boys and girls attending.

Are you wondering if you would like to be a chaperone? Please keep in mind that this is not a vacation for the chaperones. Chaperones will be on duty 24 hours a day. They will sleep in tipis with the students and accompany them on their activities during the day. Chaperones will be required to have background checks and attend a 4J chaperone training session in the spring. We ask that chaperones be legal guardians of the student. Grandparents, friends or other acquaintances that are not legal guardians will not be included for the chaperone drawing. Chaperones will also be responsible for the cost of their trip, which is expected to be \$475 this year. Scholarships for chaperones will be available upon request.

Chaperone selection process:

We ask that all parents complete the chaperone request form. If you are interested in volunteering as a chaperone, please indicate a preference of which parent would be first choice and the other parent second choice on the chaperone request form. If only one parent wants to chaperone, then only list this parent on the request form. We will collect the forms and make a list of all parents interested in volunteering. **If you do not submit a request form by Wednesday, February 8th, we will assume that you are not interested in serving as a chaperone.**

Chaperones will be selected via a drawing. All children planning to attend Canoe Island will be assigned a number. **Parents are invited to the chaperone drawing, which will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 6:00 pm at Charlemagne.** We will randomly select numbers of students whose parents have indicated they would be willing to serve as chaperones. As numbers are selected, the parent listed as the first preference will be given a chaperone slot. We will need to have the appropriate number of male to female chaperones. Thus, if all of the male (female) chaperone slots have been filled and we draw a family where the request form indicates that only the male (female) parent would be willing to serve as a chaperone, we will continue to draw until we reach a student who has a female (male) chaperone volunteer. Once we have filled the chaperone slots, we will continue to draw all of the numbers of students whose parents indicated they would be willing to serve as a chaperone. We will use this ordered list in the event that we need alternate chaperones.

**We ask that selected chaperones confirm their participation with us and submit a \$75 deposit by March 3, 2017.** We also ask that selected chaperones let us know if they would like a partial or full scholarship to cover the cost of their trip by March 3, 2017. It is important to have this information so that we can plan accordingly. Finally, if you agree to be a chaperone and later find out you cannot attend the trip, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can arrange for an alternate.

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