



Chaperones and Group Leaders: Roles and Responsibilities

A positive student-led experience is the primary focus of our expeditions. While adults are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the program, we also ask that you encourage student ownership. Be prepared for the students to impress you with how well they can accomplish their goals as a team when they collaborate! In addition to ensuring a positive student-led experience, you'll also help create and maintain a safe environment for exploring and learning, while keeping students physically and emotionally safe on the vessel and on shore.

To be able to care for others, you must also first take care of yourself. Be sure you also stay warm, dry and hydrated. If you don't feel you can fulfill the responsibilities of being a chaperone, it is important for the safety of the crew and students that someone else fills the role. If you have any question or concerns about the expectations below, please contact the Program Manager, Abbie Smith, at abbie@nwmaritime.org. Thank you for offering your time and energy!

Chaperone and Teacher Responsibilities

- Assist in following and enforcing safety rules
- Know responsibilities for emergencies (crowd control, muster on cabin top and headcount report to Captain or Mate)
- Monitor students for warmth, dryness, and dehydration. Remind students to be proactive about hydration since it is often overlooked. Many injuries during a program can be attributed to being too wet, too cold and/or too dehydrated
- Assist with galley tasks whenever possible. These tasks can include helping with group dishes, monitoring lunch, helping prepare lunch or snacks, or general galley cleanup
- Assist with the donning of rain gear. This is a task that needs many helping hands and often must be done quickly to keep students dry, warm and healthy
- Assist staff with taking photos with the Salish Sea Expeditions camera throughout the Expedition
- Assist with supervision during Exploration activities and crew check-ins/meetings
- Assist with evening activities, which include tent set-up, student supervision during dinner prep, hikes, beach exploration & games, and getting students into bed and settled down for lights out
- Report any accidents and injuries to crew immediately

Teacher Responsibilities (In addition to Chaperone responsibilities listed above)

- Ensure students have and take prescribed medications. Make a plan for the evening/morning medication distribution for each student. Share and confirm the plan with the Program Coordinator

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- Conduct COVID symptom monitoring each day of each participant and report to Program Coordinator
- Assist educators in the science discussions during science watch and during all-group watch meetings
- Coordinate and support Lunch Exploration Activities for each Watch during lunch time rotations and afternoon activities, as needed and directed by crew

Student Behavior

Student behavior comes in many forms, as you likely know. Chaperones and teachers should help provide oversight in group settings and assist the crew with student dynamics. The crew is experienced with typical and minor behavioral disruptions.

All students read and sign a Student Contract prior to their Expedition agreeing to certain behavior expectations. If a student becomes disruptive to the program or jeopardizes the safety of anyone, bring it to the immediate attention of the Program Coordinator, the Captain and/or the Mate. The Program Coordinator in collaboration with the appropriate crew and group leader will determine the best course of action.

Cell Phone & Electronics

We have a no cell phone and electronics policy for Students. Students are informed that after the first warning a crew member, teacher or chaperone will confiscate and stow phones till the end of program. Chaperones are welcome to bring their phone- we ask that you use it minimally and out of sight of the students. During the day your first priority is to engage in the program and help with student safety and behavior.

Zero Tolerance Drug Policy

The U.S. Coast Guard, and Salish Sea Expeditions, has a zero tolerance policy with regards to drugs on inspected vessels. This means that any illegal drugs in any amount found aboard *Carlyn* will result in confiscation of the vessel and our captain will lose his license. Any participant found with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, firearms, or fireworks will be removed from the program immediately.

Sleeping Arrangements

All participants will sleep onshore in tents. There are enough tents such that students are divided by gender identity. It is helpful to assist in managing the set-up and breakdown of the tents. Some tents are more complex than others to set-up, so allow students to take the lead and figure it out, though an extra pair of hands might be helpful.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Program Manager at abbie@nwmaritime.org 360.385.3628x110