

**BEING A CHAPERONE FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASS**  
- a Letter from FIELDGUIDES to Chaperones

Chaperoning children during an outdoor education program is an important responsibility. You will be acting as a representative of your child's school, and the students will be under your control at all times during the program. Much of the time, you will be helping one or more of FIELDGUIDES' staff members with activities in which the students are involved. During "free time", during play periods, and at night you will be providing for the primary care and supervision of the students. If you have driven a vehicle to the program you may be asked to transport students back home at anytime during the program.

There is satisfaction and enjoyment in being a chaperone, especially if you are actively involved. Chaperones are asked to participate in all activities, and we think you'll find the activities not only interesting and a good way of developing rapport with the students, but a great way to spend time with your child. FIELDGUIDES' staff members have put a lot of time into planning a full and well-thought-out program. Your help in supporting and implementing those plans is essential for a successful program.

Adults are important roll models for youngsters. Be attentive and caring. Be positive and don't use foul or abusive language. Do not use corporal punishment. Using alcohol (or being under it's influence) is forbidden while you are attending the program. Both the use of drugs and sexual involvement with children are unlawful and are forbidden.

If you or the students have any problems, tell our staff members. We will try to help you. Some member of FIELDGUIDES' staff is always on call if you need help.

During "free time" you will be supervising the students in camp or on short hikes near camp. At night you will watch over the students while they prepare for bed, make sure they are all accounted for, quiet them down for the night, and be on call if they need to go to the restroom or if they need help. Make sure that you have read the safety rules on the FIELDGUIDES Application. The FIELDGUIDES Site Manager will give you more information after you arrive. Policies of FIELDGUIDES must be followed.

Chaperones need to bring the same equipment as do the students. Please see the equipment list. Up to a limit of 1 chaperone for each 5 students, FIELDGUIDES does not charge additional fees for chaperones.

We at FIELDGUIDES are looking forward to working with you.