



Mary Help of Christians Pastoral Center

Helping young people fall in love with Jesus Christ & His Church.

Camp Magis Chaperone Attitudes, Norms, and Policies

These expectations will be discussed with chaperones at a chaperone orientation meeting at camp.

Thank you for answering the call to give of yourself and to be with the young people at camp this week. Your presence provides a safe environment for these students to encounter Christ and to have fun. The role of chaperones and our chaperone policies are stated below.

Chaperone Roles:

- Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the campers under their care at all times.
- During activity times chaperones will be assigned to a small group (which will contain young people from a variety of schools) whom they will travel with. The MHC staff will facilitate activities and formation. Chaperones are responsible for getting their group from activity to activity on time.
- Chaperones will sleep in proximity to campers and ensure that lights-out is observed out of respect for all involved and for the safety of the group.
- Chaperones will be a positive presence in activities and games, participating as fully as possible.
- The chaperones of a school are responsible for the medications of the campers from their school. Medications are to be kept in the control of the appropriate adults; campers are not to keep medications on their person.

Chaperone Policies

- The possession of drugs and alcohol is prohibited.
- MHC is a tobacco-free property. Tobacco use is prohibited by guests on property regardless of age.
- Chaperones are strongly encouraged to fill out health forms and provide honest, current information, allowing us to avoid putting you in a role that is beyond your medical means (affecting the safety of teens), and so that we can adequately care for you in an emergency.
- Sleeping rooms are off limits to members of the opposite sex.
- Chaperones may keep and use personal cell phones within reason. Cell phones are great for taking pictures, but they should not become a distraction from the safety of the campers.
- Please inform a staff or fellow chaperone before going somewhere alone.
- The dignity and modesty of all participants must be upheld in all pictures taken. No pictures inside the dorms, please.
- Camp Magis and Mary Help of Christians Pastoral Center are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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- Chaperones are expected to maintain their own safety and emotional well-being, as well as that of the campers in their care, by getting adequate sleep. We request that chaperones get to sleep by around 30-45 minutes after campers. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep kids safe.
- Chaperones are to wear edifying and modest clothes, and ensure campers are doing the same
- Physical contact is dictated by professional expectations.
- Chaperones are to embrace all campers in their assigned group as their own, acting in a spirit of love that upholds each one's dignity. Assume nothing and minister gently as you may not know each child's background. Express concerns to MHC Staff and we will help navigate through information needed for everyone to have a great week.
- Chaperones are to uphold each other's dignity to campers, fellow chaperones, and staff, going directly to each other with any conflicts or concerns and then to MHC staff if an issue is unresolved.
- No cussing, racial jokes, put downs, (homo)sexual innuendoes and/or potty humor.
- Cleanliness of the sleeping rooms is the responsibility of its residents.
- Communal space cleanliness is everyone's responsibility. Leave no trace.
- **The principles of VIRTUS are to be followed at all times.**

NOTIFICATION OF FAMILY EMERGENCIES

- If you find out about a family situation, we would appreciate it if you inform a member of MHC staff so that we may have the ability to pray with/for you and are able to help you in our best possible way, give you time and space away from campers to sort it out, etc.
- While cell phones maintain good chaperone-parent communication, please discuss with MHC staff before informing a camper of any concerns at home so that we can support you, and all participants, in that situation.