



Chaperone Responsibilities & Expectations

Greetings and welcome to NatureBridge! Thank you for taking on the incredibly important role of being a NatureBridge Chaperone. You will help to support student learning and safety during all aspects of the program. Please read this thoroughly and bring a copy to your NatureBridge trip. If you'd like more program details, ask your group coordinator or check out naturebridge.org.

General Responsibilities

- The primary responsibility of chaperones is to supervise students: Chaperones are expected to actively monitor and supervise students during free time, meals and overnight, while supporting student learning during the program day
- Chaperones may be asked to stay back from hiking to care for a sick or injured student
- Chaperones are responsible for distributing medication and ensuring that all students have necessary medication with them (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.)
- Chaperones will communicate with one another to ensure that students are constantly supervised (this includes planning breaks, etc.)
- Chaperones will make sure that students are on time and prepared for all meals, evening programs and for the trail day (with backpacks, rain gear, etc.)
- In the event of an emergency, chaperones will call 911 (if applicable) and alert NatureBridge staff as soon as possible
- Chaperones must share any pertinent information regarding students, such as injuries or inappropriate behaviors, with their NatureBridge educator or the Site Manager
- Chaperones will review the Student Contract and be familiar with all student expectations laid out by the school and NatureBridge

Expectations

Chaperones will:

- Support student learning by demonstrating a positive attitude and modeling inclusive behavior both on the trail and during free time where they may be interacting with participants from other schools or groups.
- Respect all NatureBridge & national park facilities, follow all trail rules and support students in doing the same
- Not bring or use recreational drugs, weapons and/or alcohol at NatureBridge
- Communicate with their group's NatureBridge educator about each day's plan and offer constructive feedback when appropriate
- Agree to limit or eliminate the use of electronic devices on trail
- Support students in staying on task and address discipline concerns, while allowing students to be engaged and answer questions on their own

Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire & Police: 911

Site Coordinator/Campus Phone: (703)881-8858

Off-site NatureBridge Contact, Operations Manager: (703)634-9041