Iowa Adult Chaperone
Position Description

When:
June 16-24, 2017

Chaperone Cost:
Chaperones registration fee is $785, split into two payments of $392.50. Payments will be due February 15 and April 1, 2017. CWF/Conference Registration Services will send you a bill.

Expectations of Chaperones:
- Serve as a role model for delegates and work with delegates to ensure a positive learning experience.
- Complete pre-trip orientation and/or communications in a timely manner.
- Supervise youth delegates on the bus and on field trips as needed during the trip, including help program staff move the group efficiently and keep track of delegates.
- Enforce the rules and code of conduct and follow the CWF dress code (business casual or dressy attire for most activities).
- Monitor health of assigned delegates and keep trip coordinator informed of needs throughout week.
- Participate in all activities with the group. Adults will remain with the delegation at all times.
- Assist the Trip Coordinator with program and logistical support as needed. Be able to work cooperatively with fellow chaperones.
- Encourage delegates to continue thinking about ways to use the CWF experience and information to strengthen 4-H programs back home.
- Abstain from tobacco use while in the presence of participants, at the 4-H Center, on the bus, and on organized excursions. Alcohol use is not allowed at any time during the trip.

What are the criteria for selection?
- Adult chaperones must be 21 years of age or older.
- Successful completion of volunteer background check.
- Motivation: An applicant’s first and foremost reason for applying must be motivated by a genuine desire to assist the group, attending to the group’s welfare and education, not for a vacation or to experience a son or daughter’s program.
- Experience: An applicant must have previous experience chaperoning local, county, district or state programs (overnight or extended experience preferred), whether for 4-H, school, Scouts, or other youth groups.
- Interpersonal communication: Leaders must be team players who work together.
- Sense of humor! A vital part of 4-H programs is having fun, both for youth and adults.
- Good health and ability to withstand rigors associated with the program:
  - Much movement on hard surfaces, sometimes uneven ground
  - Possibly handling luggage
  - Sharing a sleeping room (sleep deficit is common)
  - Long periods of riding on a charter bus
  - Possible high temperatures with humidity

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