



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

Adult Chaperone Application

Deadline January 17, 2020

- A completed application does not guarantee acceptance as a chaperone.
- Selection of chaperones will be made by mid - February 2020, after interviews are conducted with applicants.
- Final approval is contingent pending results of a volunteer background check.
- By submitting this application, the adult agrees to follow the guidance of the CWF Coordinator.

▶ Your Information

First Name

Last Name

Mailing Address 1

Mailing Address 2

City State Zip Code

Phone Mobile

County of Iowa 4-H Affiliation

Gender Birthdate
 Sm M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL
 Polo Size (adult unisex sizing)

Email

▶ Any special needs, comments, and/or dietary or mobility requirements?

▶ Do you have a child on the trip?

- Yes, who? _____
- No

▶ Have you ever attended CWF?

- Yes, as a youth or chaperone? (circle one)
- No

▶ Submit Form

Completed form may be sent to:

Gail Castillo – CWF Coordinator
 ISU Extension and Outreach – Cerro Gordo
 601 S Illinois Ave
 Mason City IA 50401
 Email: gail@iastate.edu

▶ Who is your U.S. Representative?

- District 1 - Rep. Abby Finkenauer
- District 2 - Rep. David Loeb sack
- District 3 - Rep. Cindy Axne
- District 4 - Rep. Steve King

Chaperone Description can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>

Please be sure to complete the questions on the second page of the chaperone application.

What experiences have you had working with youth in grades 9—12? What skills or talents do you bring to chaperoning this trip? What do you hope to gain from chaperoning this trip? Please explain and/or provide examples.

What has been your greatest challenge with chaperoning youth? How did you handle or learn from the challenge?

You are talking to a CWF delegate (or chaperone) from another state. What is your response to “Tell me what’s great about the Iowa 4-H Program”?

I think I should be selected as a chaperone for this trip because:



Iowa Adult Chaperone Position Description

When: June 19-27, 2020
Chaperone Cost: Chaperones registration fee is \$850, split into two payments of \$425. Payments will be due March 15 and April 15, 2019. Conference Registration Services will send invoices to those selected as chaperones.

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 and trip coordinator move the group efficiently and keep track of delegates.
- Enforce the rules, code of conduct, and CWF dress code with teens and with fellow chaperones.
- 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.
- Refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic smoking devices (including but not limited to e-cigs, vapes, juuls), or any illegal substances while on the trip.

What are the criteria for selection?

- Adult chaperones must be 21 years of age or older.
- Complete CWF Chaperone Application by deadline and be available for an interview with staff.
- 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 their teen's program. (Adult will not be assigned their own child for supervision unless a special accommodation is documented.)
- Experience: An applicant must have previous experience chaperoning local, county, district, or state programs (overnight or extended experience preferred), whether for 4-H, school, or other youth.
- Interpersonal communication: Chaperones must be team players who work together, look for the positive, and support final decisions made by CWF Coordinator.
- Sense of humor! A vital part of 4-H programs is having fun, both for youth and adults.
- Good health and ability to withstand physical and mental rigors associated with the program:
 - ✓ Much movement on hard surfaces, sometimes uneven ground (grass, pebbled walkways, loose gravel, etc.). Past trips have included a cumulative 30-40 miles of walking throughout the week.
 - ✓ Possible luggage handling.
 - ✓ Sharing a sleeping room (sleep deficit is common).
 - ✓ Long periods of riding on a charter bus.
 - ✓ Handling a variety of weather conditions, possible high temperatures with humidity or rain.

Trip Coordinator Contact Information: Gail Castillo – CWF Coordinator

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