

## Chaperone Responsibilities and Information

Parents that are interested in joining us on the trip are welcomed. We don't really have a set number of parents we would like to take with us so generally we take all interested parents. Parents do need to understand that there is a parent trip cost. For those details please see the registration website: [orangesky.travel.com/10314](https://www.orangeskytravel.com/10314). Chaperone spaces are not held until the \$100 deposit is paid online through the Orange Sky website.

Lastly, you must be an approved Union County volunteer in order to go on the trip. To begin that process please visit: <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/5863> or reach out to Shelley Conneely in the Marvin Ridge front office. If you are not yet approved this process can take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete.

Here are some guidelines to consider if you wish to join us:

- Attitude affects everyone around you on a group tour...Be Positive and **enthusiastic** to create enthusiasm for the students...Don't be a complainer—it is contagious!
- In all situations please defer/adhere to the lead teacher/s to give instructions.
- Be present and interested with your assigned students at all activities and tours and remain with them at all times until we return to the motorcoach.
- **Be on time...Please wear a watch so we can stay on schedule.**
- Head counts must be taken quickly, so the coaches can depart on schedule.
- Please make sure that your students are onboard and seated quickly.
- Please help enforce both bus and hotel room regulations (no calls from room phones in the hotel)
- Please monitor your group at restaurants for behavior and good manners and accompany them to the restrooms.
- Listen carefully to the tour guides' instructions (time to be back at the coach, location of coaches, etc.)
- Please turn cell phones to vibrate while touring...please refrain from talking on cell phones unless it is an emergency.
- Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for lots of walking.
- Please inspect the hotel rooms upon check out to make sure that nothing is forgotten and room has no damages.
- In the event that there is an emergency that requires a member of your group to stay behind, one of the teachers will remain with that person, so the group can continue touring.
- Be courteous to our motorcoach drivers...They work very hard to keep us safe and to our destination on time. Feel free to tip the drivers as you feel appropriate
- Provide a positive role model for our students by not smoking or consuming alcohol.
- **Finally a big Thank You for Volunteering!**