

# CHAPERONE WELCOME TALK

- I. Introduction of yourself and a thank you
- II. Review schedule and plan for the day
- III. Their responsibilities as chaperones:
  - Helping the students to follow the Leave No Trace Rules
    - Making sure that the students stay on the trail
    - Making sure that they don't pick flowers
    - Making sure that they don't approach or harass wildlife
    - Making sure that they pick up all of their trash and scraps after lunch and/or snack
  - Keeping the group safe
    - Making sure that the students are drinking plenty of water
    - Checking to make sure that the students aren't getting too cold
    - Accompanying the students to the bathroom
    - Keeping the group together
    - Etc.
  - Keeping the group on task
    - Dealing with any behavioral issues that come up
    - Assisting the students/ranger with activities
    - Sitting down when the students are asked to sit down
    - Modeling good behavior and listening
    - Actively participating in the program/activities
- IV. Emergencies and Safety
  - Ask if anyone has medical training
  - Ask if any of the students have any medical conditions/issues
  - Check who has the first aid kits for the group
  - Let them know that each of the rangers has a first aid kit
  - Let them know that each of the rangers has a radio and can call for help if there is an injury or emergency
- V. Ask chaperones to please take phone calls away from the group
- VI. Keep pictures candid
- VII. Answer Questions
- VIII. Give group leader the evaluation card and ask that they fill it out and return it at the end of the program
- IX. Keep it positive!