## *Amigo Address 1*

***Outdoor/Environmental Education Program***

## CHAPERONE INFORMATION and EXPECTATIONS

* Chaperones can be parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, or any other adult selected by school personnel to come along on the trip.
* Chaperones, are **role models** and are **vital in helping set a positive tone**. You **play an important role in the *Amigo Centre* Outdoor/ Environmental Education experience.**

Our goal is to create an educational and memorable experience for all students while they are at camp. Here are the ways you can help us in achieving our goal.

**Classes and Activities:**

* We ask that **each study group be accompanied by a chaperone during all classes.**
* Keep a watchful eye for **inappropriate behavior** and position yourself next to any student whose behavior needs addressed. Amigo staff will look to you to address and care for discipline problems.
* Participate in classes as appropriate but refrain for solving problems for students. Help them with creative problem-solving. Your experiences shared in the out of doors will help **nurture** the students understanding and appreciation of nature.
* When the instructor is talking, all eyes and attention should be focused on the instructor.
* If you are **teaching a class**, we have **instructional videos on our website** for **archery, fishing and orienteering**. Check out the videos at <http://www.amigocentre.org/oee-training-videos.html> and refresh your knowledge.
* Encourage students to adhere to the rules by respecting others and the natural environment.
* Help students arrive at the appropriate places on time.
* **Please be discrete in the use of your cell phone.** We encourage you to be fully present with the students and limit phone usage while at camp. Being on the phone is a distraction to students, so please step away from the group while on the phone.

**Meals:**

* At least **one adult per table** is needed during meals.
* “**Zero Food Waste”** is a program aimed to help raise consciousness regarding food waste. Please encourage students to finish what is on their plate before going back for seconds. Our **“Zero Waste Leader Board”** highlights the top 12 school groups.

**Overnight:**

* Monitor students so they are out of the shower and in the cabin by the designated bedtime.
* **Be firm about the bedtime**. A good night of rest is important. You may find that reading to your campers is a great way of calming them down and helping them drift off to sleep.
* **Pranks on students and other cabins are against *Amigo Centre* policy.**
* **You are responsible** towake your cabin group each morning and get them to breakfast on time.
* Discourage campers from getting up early. This is disruptive to others who are still trying to sleep.

**Thank You**

**Thanks** for being willing to come along and support your school’s Outdoor / Environmental Education experience at Amigo Centre. **It is a blessing to have your help in creating great memories.**

Shalom,

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