

DiscoveryBound Chaperone Role Description

The DiscoveryBound staff is so appreciative of volunteers who take time out of their busy lives to join our events! Here is a summary of the chaperone role:

PRE-TRIP

Prayerful preparation and support of this event are key to the chaperone role. As adult leaders, our job is to love, support, and nurture each other and the teens throughout the weekend and beyond.

Our insurance requires **background checks** on all our volunteers and staff to ensure the safety of the youth. We will send out a weblink for the secure background check site, and you will be asked to submit your full name, date of birth, current address, and as many address as you can remember for the last seven years.

There will be a required **group conference call** for all chaperones prior to the trip, during which we will cover specifics for the weekend and answer any questions or concerns. The call will last approximately 60 minutes, and if you are unable to attend, you will need to listen to a recording of the call before the trip.

In conjunction with the chaperone call, we will send out a **chaperone handbook** for you to review prior to the trip. Key pieces, such as the weekend schedule and emergency procedures, will help you fulfill your responsibilities during the event.

EVENT WEEKEND

Once **arriving at the airport**, the staff may ask you to sit with the group luggage, initiate card games with teens, greet incoming teens at baggage claim, accompany teens to food vendors or restrooms, and help organize the group with their luggage when it is time to load buses.

You will be housed with teens at the dorm/hostel. You will have the responsibility of **ensuring their appropriate behavior**, including appropriate language and stories, inclusiveness, respect for each other, compassion, and listening to Principle. Be alert to any situation that does not follow the DiscoveryBound standard, such as inappropriate dress or public displays of affection, and address them as needed.

On Saturday and Monday mornings, you will hold **lesson study** with your housing group. Please bring a marked set of books for your group to use together. To deepen your group's study of the lesson, please bring questions, insights, or interesting research that could spark conversation.

Before leaving the dorm/hostel each morning, **help your teens prepare** by reviewing the schedule and expectations and helping them pack their day bags with everything they will need for the day.

Teens will be divided into **travel groups** for the weekend's activities, and each chaperone will be responsible for one particular group for the entire weekend. These groups are co-ed and different from housing groups. As a travel chaperone, you will be responsible for keeping your group together, navigating to destinations, ensuring appropriate behavior by the teens (including attentive listening during presentations), and implementing emergency procedures if necessary.

Ahead of the weekend, you will be invited to teach **Sunday School** if you are interested. Classes are typically composed of 6-8 teens in similar grade levels (such as 8th-10th or 11th-12th).

You may be asked to lend a hand with **small tasks** throughout the weekend, such as meal set up/clean up or handing out materials to the teens.

The schedule for the weekend is very full and it is important that we **remain on schedule**. Program days are long (typically from 7:00am to 11:00pm) and physically demanding (workshops are active and most transfers take place on foot), and you will be together with teens around the clock. Please be prompt to activities, which may mean motivating your teens to keep up the energy!

There will be a **chaperone meeting** each day to check in with everyone and share how the daily activities went, how participants are doing, and what the next day's activities entail.

If you have time at the airport before your flight on **departure day**, you may be asked to accompany teens to check-in counters, help teens know when to go through security in time to catch their flight, and sit with group luggage.

DiscoveryBound events could not run without volunteer support, and we want you to know how much we value your contribution. Many of these teens do not often get opportunities to spend time with Christian Science peers or role models, but this is a chance to do exactly that. As a chaperone, you are on the front lines, so DO share your joy and inspiration freely. You will have the staff's total support throughout the weekend, and we are very grateful to have you!