# CHAPERONE GUIDE

## FOR BAND CAMP

Thank you for joining us at Away Band Camp and agreeing to be chaperones. With the students that we take on these trips and the few changes we have made over the years, our job is quite simple.

Each chaperone will be assigned a room/cabin to be in charge of. You will receive a list of those who should be in your cabin. Please introduce yourself to the kids. Cabin assignments are set pretty much in stone, however occasionally we do make changes. Any changes need to be discussed with Mr. Rodgers or Mrs. Fiedler before it is made.

You do not need to be with the students at all times. However, remain in close proximity so that you can monitor what they are doing, especially in the cabins. Check on them once in a while just to keep tabs on them. Your primary job is to make sure the kids are where they need to be on time. This includes, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

* Getting up in the morning
* Getting to each meal on time—breakfast, lunch, dinner
* Getting to rehearsals on time
* Being in the cabins at lights out
* Staying in the cabins during the night hours
* Keeping the students in the appropriate designated areas (see map)
* Limiting public displays of affection
* Girls in girl’s rooms/boys in boy’s rooms at all times
* Checking the cabins daily for cleanliness and order
* Assist with administering water during water breaks throughout rehearsals
* Assist the camp staff with serving meals
* Going into town for supplies

**MEDICATIONS**

* We have a registered nurse who will administer all prescribed and over the counter medications. All medications need to be labeled with the student’s name and must be turned into the nurse at the start of camp.
* Chaperones may need to generally assist the nurse with medical issues as they arise (sprained ankles, etc.)

### BEHAVIOR

### Students are expected to behave properly at all times while at band camp. All school rules apply while we are at camp for the week. Pranks are not to be tolerated by anyone. It is expected that students will RESPECT each other, members of any other group in attendance, the Fraser High School staff, the chaperones, and the staff of Michigan Christian Youth Camp. With the staff, chaperones and student leaders setting a good example for the rest of the student population, no problems should occur.

### DISCIPLINE

As a chaperone, you are much like a parent to each student. You have the authority to act within reason to minor infractions such as verbal disagreements, horsing around, and use of improper language. MAJOR INFRACTIONS should be stopped immediately and then brought to our attention as soon as possible. These infractions include SMOKING, DRINKING, DRUG USE, FIGHTING, STEALING, HARASSMENT and VANDALISM. Students will be held accountable for their actions and appropriate measures will be taken, including sending the student home (if necessary).

**VISITORS / SKIT NIGHT / SENIOR CELEBRATION**

**Band camp is a closed campus**.

Parents who need to pick up their child early from camp must inform Mr. Rodgers in advance. Visitors to camp are allowed to visit only after dinner between 6 pm and 9 pm on Thursday. Visitors must leave the camp at 9 pm. Visitors should not enter cabins or nurses station for any reason; restrooms are available in the lodge for those who need to use them. Skit participation is limited to 2 skits per person. Skit night will take place in the lodge and is only for the students who are currently attending band camp. There will be no food skits; or inappropriate clothing, behavior or language in the skits. If a skit is deemed inappropriate, it will be stopped and removed from the show. Senior Students will have time after skit night for a small celebration. This will not be an all-night senior event, and students must return to their cabins following the celebration. We will need chaperones to volunteer to oversee the celebration.

**ITEMS CHAPERONES MAY WISH TO BRING:**

1. Large cooler—to store bottled water/ice provided by boosters for your cabin
2. Fan—keep air moving in the cabins
3. Alarm clock
4. Portable paper towel holder for bathroom
5. Bright flashlight
6. Dixie cups and jugs of water for the bathroom
7. Foam mattress topper
8. Lawn chair for down time
9. Book, magazine, etc. for down time
10. Camera
11. Sharpies, tape, scissors, plastic tablecloth for table in the cabin
12. Snacks—be sure snacks are peanut and nut-free; store bought only and in a re-sealable package