

GFWC JUNIorettes

CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

It is imperative that parents assist during outside general meetings. Chaperoning is an important responsibility and needs to be taken seriously. The safety of all is compromised when chaperones do not follow the established procedures. Chaperones should behave in a positive manner that our young ladies can use as a model. Although some of the items below may seem common sense, it is our duty to make you aware of each one for the safety of all involved.

What is expected of parent volunteers?

Chaperone responsibilities and expectations are similar to those in an indoor classroom:

- All chaperones must be at least 21 years of age.
- Carry Medical Release Waiver/Emergency Contact information at all times (provided by club advisors). In case of an accident, the medical release waivers shall be presented to the treating physician. Chaperones are required to report any illness of members to the Lead Chaperone.
- The level of supervision of students while on an outside community project is no less than the level of supervision of members required when they are at general meetings.
- Arrive at any meeting place at or before the assigned time.
- Monitor your assigned group. Stay with the group until completion of the volunteer experience. Do not allow any Juniette to leave without permission and only if accompanied with another member. Remember — they travel in pairs!
- Keep the focus on the members, not on other adults.
- Discourage social talking amongst adults/chaperones.
- Remind everyone to stay on task.
- Watch and assist all the members in your small group, not just your own children.
- Share your enthusiasm for community service with your group.
- Parent chaperones are responsible for supervising members.
- Cell phones need to be used at appropriate times.
- We need chaperones who are interested in helping all members. Although your main responsibility is to take care of your own group, please be aware of what all members are doing and discuss any inappropriate behavior with any member not acting appropriately.
- Inappropriate language is unacceptable for adults or students. Please be mindful of the way you speak around our young ladies.
- Drinking of alcoholic beverages and/or use of tobacco products by a chaperone at any time during on outside community project is prohibited.
- Chaperones must actively supervise and keep an accurate check on members assigned to them. Typically 4-5 girls per chaperone.
- Overnight chaperones may not retire until all group members are in their rooms, all visiting between rooms has stopped, and the chaperones are sure the students are secure.
- Chaperones are typically not permitted to bring siblings of participating members, unless they are of the age that they may participate in the volunteer opportunity as well.
- If transporting Juniettes to and from an event, you must have a valid driver's license and a registered/insured vehicle. Obey all traffic laws and do not take driving risks that will place anyone in a harmful situation. Ensure all Juniettes have a seat in the vehicle and wear seatbelts.

