



The mission of the Leelanau Outdoor Center is to provide outstanding experiential and ecological learning in the natural environment that promotes the discovery and development of leadership and character.

Leelanau Outdoor Center Chaperone Guidelines

Thank you for volunteering to join your children at LOC! This time is so important for the students and we know you will get just as much out of your camp experience as they do. With that said, here are a few tips to make the most of your stay:

- The students will be with the LOC staff from breakfast until bedtime. After they are dismissed for the night, you are in charge and the students should respect the rules you set.
- Coffee and tea are always available in the Great House (our main building).
- We love parent involvement! When you are with a group, please help the staff by being an extra set of eyes and helping the students listen to directions when the time is right.
- During Team Building please **do not** help the students. Part of the experience is the journey and working through each task on their own, even if it means struggling a bit. Our staff will guide them to important takeaways because of the struggles.
- During meals please engage with the table you sit at. Help them follow the guidelines the staff presents; one person up from the table at a time, how to set the table properly and the dismissal procedure (explained upon arrival).
- We encourage each student to do their very best and step outside their comfort zone in each of their activities. We believe this allows each student to realize their full potential, so sometimes this means pushing them farther than they think they can go.
- Cell phone coverage is spotty at best, but you can get reception behind the Great House and sometimes on the deck. When you are not using your cell phones we ask that they be turned on silent. We also ask that you keep your cellphone usage to a minimum in front of the students.
- If you smoke/vape, please do so in the parking lot.
- Please remember that alcohol and pets are **not** permitted at LOC
- You and your group are responsible for all personal belongings, including electronics and sports equipment.
- Our staff follows the Rule of Three with all students (we try to never be alone with a student, so we always ask that another student, staff member or adult is present) and we advise that you do the same.
- If you need anything please don't hesitate to let the Program Coordinator or Director know. We do our best to be flexible and want you all to have the best experience possible.