



Welcome to Wolf Ridge. We are a community of teachers, students, chaperones and parents. All are equally important and we couldn't do it without you.  
Thank you for volunteering as a chaperone.

### SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00-8:15 am	Breakfast KP
7:30-8:15 am	Breakfast
8:30-11:30 am	Morning Class
11:45-1:15 pm	Lunch KP
12:15-1:15 pm	Lunch
1:30-4:30 pm	Afternoon Class
4:45-6:15 pm	Dinner KP
5:15-6:15 pm	Dinner
6:30-7:15 pm	Evening Program
7:30-9:00 pm	Evening Activities
9:00-9:30 pm	Campfires, Astronomy, Journal time



## What You Can Expect

### Lodging

Our West dorm features a view of Sawmill Creek Valley and a large stone fireplace. The West dorm lobby is a shared space for all schools living there. The West dorm consists of nine sections, each section containing 3-5 rooms, which sleep 4-8 people. Each section shares a bathroom with private toilets and showers. Co-ed hallways link the sections.

Our East dorm offers two large dayrooms for group meetings and is divided into four sections, each section with 6 rooms. Each room sleeps 6-8 people and includes a private bathroom.

- Both dorms contain coin-operated laundry facilities, a courtesy phone for outgoing calls, a space for adults and a health room.
- All dorm supervision is the responsibility of the group's chaperones. Students are not allowed in the dorm without adult supervision.
- In case of a fire alarm, chaperones should coordinate the removal of all students from the dorm.
- Groups are asked to move out of your dorm space before morning class on your departure day. A space for luggage will be provided.

### Cell phone coverage & wireless

- Due to our remote location, limited wireless service is available on campus.
- AT&T cell coverage works best, Verizon is spotty.
- Most often, your students will not have their devices with them during their Wolf Ridge stay. Our preference is that you do not use your cell phone during a class or presentation. If absolutely necessary, please be thoughtful about how and when.

## Alcohol & Smoking

- Alcohol is not allowed on the Wolf Ridge campus.
- Smoking is not allowed in or near any Wolf Ridge building. Smoking is allowed in the lower parking lot, below the main office. Please dispose of cigarette butts appropriately.



## Dining

- Meals are served cafeteria style at Wolf Ridge, with schools assigned a meal time in either the Fireplace or Lake Superior dining hall. The dining hall is shared with other schools. Seconds are announced when all schools have been served. Everyone is required to bus their dishes.
- Coffee is available in the Lake Superior dining hall from 6am until 6 pm.
- A juice machine is located in the entry way of the Science Center. Caffeinated beverages are for sale in the office. This service is intended for adults only.
- Menus can be viewed on our website.
- Students participate in Kitchen Patrol during their visit. KP arrives early for the meal and after eating will assist with serving, washing dishes and cleanup. As a chaperone you may be scheduled by your group to attend KP with the students.
- If you have special dietary needs, please read the Special Dietary Needs Information Sheet (found on-line). Action by you is required, no later than 2 weeks before the scheduled trip.
- Vegetarians should inform the servers that they have pre-arranged for a vegetarian meal and those with a pre-arranged special dietary need should exit the serving line and step into the kitchen. Our staff will assist them.
- Wolf Ridge participates in the USDA and MN Dept. of ED School Nutrition program. A requirement of this program is that we monitor food taken at each breakfast and lunch. As a chaperone, you may be asked to complete this meal tally at a meal.
- Students will expend much energy while at Wolf Ridge. Please check in with them to make sure they are eating enough food and drinking enough water. If a child is not getting enough food, please talk with our kitchen staff, who can provide an alternative option.



# Chaperone Roles and Responsibilities

## Preparing for classes

- Wolf Ridge's climate typically is four weeks different than the Metro. Fall comes earlier and Spring comes later. With the exception of Indoor Rock Climbing and a few evening activities, all Wolf Ridge classes spend time outside.
- Please see our packing list for suggested outdoor gear. Dressing for success in the northwoods means staying dry and comfortable.
- It is your responsibility to see that the students are wearing appropriate clothing before they leave the dorm.



## A Wolf Ridge chaperone is a role model...

- As a chaperone, your group's leader will assign you to attend classes. Please be prepared to be present and involved in classes. We hope you will enjoy actively learning along with the students.
- Participants at Wolf Ridge are expected to show respect for the environment, the instructors and fellow students. Please model this respect throughout your stay, including listening quietly during presentations, picking up any trash found along the trail, and following our recycling procedures.
- Your enthusiasm and interest in the Wolf Ridge classes will spread to the students. Your participation is the best management technique.

## A Wolf Ridge chaperone assists with behavior guidelines...

- Your Wolf Ridge naturalist will lay out their specific expectations at the start of each class. Expectations may include: one voice speaking at a time, raising hand to answer questions, and gathering when asked. You may be asked to remove a student from class if their behavior is not meeting the instructor's expectations.
- Your liaison will introduce Wolf Ridge guidelines at your large group orientation. Expectations include: children not allowed in the dorm without an adult and following quiet time hours in the dormitory, as well as others.
- Your school may have their own behavior guidelines.
- It is your responsibility to help enforce these expectations and guidelines.

## A Wolf Ridge chaperone is a teacher...

- You may be asked by your group's leader to teach an evening activity such as Dream Catchers, Owl Pellets, Block Printing, Paper Making or Night Hike.
- Lesson plans are on our web site. Classes last 1.5 hours.
- Your Wolf Ridge liaison is available to answer questions about the activity and will set the class up for you. You are responsible for teaching and taking down.



## A Wolf Ridge chaperone is a supervisor...

- Adventure Ropes and Rock Climbing Supervisor  
You may be scheduled by your group's leader as an adult supervisor on our Outdoor Adventure Ropes Course or Indoor Climbing wall. Three adult supervisors (not including the Wolf Ridge teacher) are required for supervision of any scheduled Adventure Ropes. Two of these adults **MUST** be prepared to go up in the towers. Three adult supervisor are required for the supervision of the belayers in Indoor Rock Climbing.
- Kitchen (KP) and Recycling Patrol (RP) Supervisor  
While at Wolf Ridge, groups participate in Kitchen Patrol and Recycling Patrol. KP arrives early for the meal and after eating, will assist with serving, washing dishes and cleanup. During RP, we ask that a recycling team sort and deposit the recyclables at the outdoor recycling platform located by each dormitory. Typically RP is scheduled for every other day and departure day. Your groups' liaison will have instructions to share with you. As a chaperone, you may assigned these responsibilities.
- Store Supervisor  
Our Science Center Store may be open during your stay. Scheduled store time is short and may be shared with another school. Only 20 students at a time are allowed in the store and an adult must be present. As a chaperone, you may assigned this responsibility.



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