



**WOLF RIDGE**<sup>SM</sup>  
ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

## Chaperone Information

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 Schedule

|                      |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7:00-8:15 am         | Breakfast KP                          |
| 7:30-8:00 am         | Breakfast                             |
| <b>8:30-11:30 am</b> | <b>Morning Class</b>                  |
| 11:45-1:15 pm        | Lunch KP                              |
| 12:15-1:00 pm        | Lunch                                 |
| <b>1:30-4:30 pm</b>  | <b>Afternoon Class</b>                |
| 4:45-6:15 pm         | Dinner KP                             |
| 5:15-6:00 pm         | Dinner                                |
| 6:30-9:15 pm         | Evening Class                         |
| 6:30-7:15 pm         | Evening Program                       |
| 7:30-8:00 pm         | Evening Activities                    |
| 8:00-9:30 pm         | Campfires, Astronomy, Journaling time |
| 9:30pm-6:30am        | Quiet Hours                           |

## What to Expect

### Lodging

Mac Lodge features a view of Sawmill Creek Valley and a large stone fireplace. The Mac Lodge is divided into four sections with 5 common areas. Dorm rooms sleep 4-8 and have a private bathroom and shower.

Summit Lodge 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 and shower.

- Both lodges contain coin-operated laundry facilities, a courtesy phone for outgoing calls, and a health room or health cart.
- All lodge 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 lodge.
- Groups are asked to move out of your lodge space before the morning class (or by 9am) on your departure day. Luggage can be set to the side in your homeroom space.



## 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 ONLY in the lower parking lot, below the main office.
- Please dispose of cigarette butts appropriately.



## Dining

- Meals are served cafeteria style.
- Please contact us at [FoodService@wolf-ridge.org](mailto:FoodService@wolf-ridge.org) if your special dietary need is medically subscribed (such as celiac or diabetes). Please tell your group leader about any other dietary restrictions.
- Coffee is available in the Lake Superior dining hall from 6am until 6 pm. Limited cups are available. We suggest you bring your own reusable cup.
- Students participate in Kitchen Patrol during their visit. KP arrives early for the meal and eats. After eating, KP assists with serving the food and cleaning up. As a chaperone you may be scheduled by your group to attend KP with the students.
- 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. Please do not use phones or other electronic devices unless taking pictures.
- 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 lodges without an adult and following quiet time hours, among 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 Owl Pellets, Block Printing, Paper Making or Night Hike.
- Lesson plans are on our website. Activities last 1.5 hours. You can find how-to videos on our YouTube channel.
- 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 cleanup.



## 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 chaperones are required for supervision of any scheduled Adventure Ropes. Two of these adults **MUST** be prepared to go up in the towers. Three adult supervisors are required for the supervision of the belayers in Indoor Rock Climbing.
- **Kitchen Patrol (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 sets the tables. KP will assist with serving, washing dishes and cleanup after the meal. 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 be 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 assigned adult must be present.



**Thank you for volunteering as a chaperone!**