



## *Chaperone Information*

Dear Chaperone,

Welcome to the 2019 Pentathlon and thank you for volunteering as a Chaperone at the event! To ensure that the Pentathlon results in a safe and rewarding experience for all participants, we have prepared these guidelines for your reference.

As a chaperone, you will begin supervising your students when they arrive at the Pentathlon (*about 2 pm Wednesday*) and will oversee their activities any time they are not with their City State Leaders. These includes the times during set up and break down of camp, meal times, and bedtime. You will be given a daily schedule upon arrival; please refer to them to know when you and the City State Leaders will hand off the students to each other. Account for all students regularly and when handing off supervisory responsibility to City State Leaders.

Student behavior is your responsibility. Children should not be allowed to roam the grounds without supervision. Of course, there will be moments when the children are in the bathroom or moving from one place to another but there should be a watchful eye on these moments if even from a distance.

Attached is a Pentathlon packing list. Please share the list with your 5<sup>th</sup> grade class parents to be sure the athletes are prepared for the unpredictable Wisconsin spring weather. Also, please note the list of items not allowed at the Pentathlon, which includes iPods and other electronics, candy, money, and fireworks.

Please be familiar with the enclosed Sugar Creek Rules. We are asking every chaperone to review them and have a direct conversation with your athletes regarding respect for the cabins and grounds. There have been some incidents of graffiti and carving inside the cabins; this cannot happen again. Please be vigilant to assure that the grounds and staff of Sugar Creek are treated with the respect and reverence they deserve. What may seem like innocent climbing, throwing of rocks, or rubbing a stick against a picnic table may cause damage. It is up to the adults to be aware, and if you see any issues, we ask that you step in with children in a loving and meaningful way to redirect the child.

The camping villages and cabins are for the sole use of the Pentathletes from your school. Please do not allow family members or friends of the athletes to enter the cabins. Please keep your camping area clean and be sure to extinguish a campfire completely before leaving the cabin area or retiring for the evening.

Chaperones must be readily available, be mindful of safety concerns, and respond to student needs. In case of an emergency, our medical room in the lower level of the Manna Center has first aid supplies available. The Pentathlon Coordinators have medical forms for all athletes, which contain medical information and emergency phone numbers.

We are looking forward to a wonderful event!

PRWS Pentathlon Coordinators