



“Building respect, appreciation and stewardship within the Web of Life”

CHAPERONE HANDBOOK

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Cabin Assignment: _____

Naturalist: _____

Field Study Group meeting place: _____

Cabin Group Members	Additional Information

Congratulations!

You have been chosen to be an integral part of an exciting experience!

You have a unique opportunity to help students discover, explore and learn about the environment, succeed in cooperative groups, become part of a cabin team and gain respect for their community and the natural world. While this isn't an easy job, it is certainly one of the most rewarding jobs at the Web of Life Field School (WOLF School).

As a member of the staff, you are part of a cooperative team. Our collective job is to provide a program with the students' best interests, safety and education in mind. The students will benefit from knowing what is expected of them and knowing those expectations remain consistent throughout the week. We role-model and reinforce the expectations of the Web of Life Field School (WOLF School).

Thank you!

All children are gifted...
Some just open their packages sooner than others.

--Anon

CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

1. I understand that this is a volunteer commitment requiring supervision of up to 10 students at the UCCR/Web of Life Field School (WOLF School), a Residential Outdoor Science School program.
2. I understand that when students are in their cabin I am required to supervise them and that I am responsible for their safety. I am aware that the cabin times are from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.
3. I understand that, as a chaperone, I am entrusted with the responsibility for the care of the students in my charge.
4. At all times I will put the personal and physical safety of the individual and collective members of my cabin group as my prime responsibility.
5. On field studies, I understand that my role is to provide assistance to the naturalist by; focusing students on the naturalist and field study activities; being present and involved without taking attention away from students, activities or naturalist; and role modeling appropriate behavior.
6. I will conduct myself in such a way that my personal behavior and appearance will serve as a model to the students.
7. I acknowledge that the students in my charge are very impressionable and must not be subjected to inappropriate language, jokes or activities. (i.e. no rough housing, no pillow-fighting, no discussions or jokes that are sexual in nature.)
8. I will help each child be a happy part of the cabin group and the activities of the Web of Life Field School. In managing my group, I will not embarrass or humiliate anyone.
9. If an undesirable situation or problem arises that is beyond my ability or responsibility to handle, I will immediately bring it to the attention of the naturalists and the director of the Web of Life Field School (WOLF School).
10. Recognizing that there will be times when I am on my own in determining my personal behavior, I agree not to use liquor or narcotics, or behave in any way that endangers the welfare of the students or the reputation of the program.
11. I understand that at no time am I to leave a student(s) unsupervised.
12. I understand that I am to avoid being alone with an individual student at all times.
13. I understand that any inappropriate behavior on my part will result in my being asked to leave the program.

Chaperone Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Trainer's Initials: _____

UNDERSTANDING CHILD ABUSE

The United Camps, Conferences & Retreats Web of Life Field School; the Program Director; the Web of Life Field School teachers; the attending school staff; and, most importantly, the parents of our students are extremely concerned that each student attending the outdoor school feels well cared for, safe and secure. We are also concerned about you and your need to be sensitive to the acts that could be misinterpreted by students. Such acts could result in questioning of your reputation for years to follow. For this reason you are asked to read and be aware of the following behaviors that will or might be considered abusive.

- Intentional or unintentional “meanness” toward students such as critical, sarcastic or cutting remarks. Comebacks or put-downs are all signs and examples of verbal and emotional or psychological abuse.
- Any act, intentional or unintentional, that could cause a student to feel embarrassed, fearful or insecure.
- Any excessive or physical form of punishment such as push-ups, running laps, hitting, pushing, shoving, pinching, grabbing, squeezing, pulling or any other use of the hands, feet or objects that could cause bodily harm.
- Allowing behavior that could result in bodily harm.
- Any display, physical or verbal, that is sexual in nature.
- Offering, allowing or encouraging in any way the use of inappropriate pictures, magazines, books or paraphernalia.
- Participating in, encouraging or allowing inappropriate discussions, particularly of a sexual or sexist nature.

We, as adults, are expected to protect the children in our care; therefore it is imperative that you refrain from any potentially abusive acts. It is also imperative that you refrain from being alone with a single student at all times in order to protect yourself. We also ask you to be sensitive to the possibility of abusive situations that may be occurring around you. Thank you for your help to prevent and deal with this sensitive issue. If you have questions at any time during the program please don't hesitate to ask the Program Director.

I have read the preceding and understand its content and will refrain from any act that could be considered abusive.

Chaperone Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Trainer's Initials: _____

WEB OF LIFE FIELD SCHOOL

TEACHER/CHAPERONE MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

Name _____ (M F) Birthdate _____ Age _____
Last First

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

School _____ Teacher _____

The following information is required to ensure that your needs are met while attending the WOLF School. Information is confidential and will be made available only to those who are directly responsible for your well-being. In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the designated individual. **For your safety and well being, NO ONE will be allowed to attend without a completed and signed Medical History Form.** Medications may not be stored in your cabins. They must be stored in a secure location (i.e. locked in your car). **X =Signature required.**

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Home Ph.# _____ Work Ph.# _____ Alt. # _____

If first emergency contact cannot be reached, please contact:

Alternate Contact _____ Relationship _____

Home Ph.# _____ Bus. Ph.# _____ Alt. # _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Health Insurance Co. _____ Policy # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Health Information

Please list any physical or behavioral conditions that the school staff should be aware of, i.e., sleepwalking, epilepsy, fainting, asthma, hyperactivity, nose bleeds, etc. Attach an extra sheet if necessary. Please be specific.

Are you allergic to any foods, medications or insect bites? (Y N) If 'yes' then please specify nature of allergies:

Are you **allergic to bees**? (Y N) allergic to nuts? (Y N) Carrying an epipen? (Y N) Possible reactions: _____

_____ Date of last tetanus shot: _____ Recent surgery or illness _____

Attach an extra sheet for additional information regarding allergies, possible reactions or other necessary information.

I agree that any photographs of my child/myself taken by any WOLF School staff or others authorized by them, or any photographs, video, writing, artwork and/or testimonials submitted by my child/myself to the WOLF School shall be the property of the WOLF School and may be used by the WOLF School and others authorized by them at its discretion for any publicity, marketing and/or advertising purposes, and I hereby consent to and authorize such use without restriction.

X Signature _____ Date _____

X Parent/Guardian Signature (for chaperones under 18 years of age) _____

My child/ward, _____ has my permission to attend the Web of Life Field School. I accept all financial responsibility for my child/my own attendance. **IN CASE OF MEDICAL OR SURGICAL EMERGENCY, I hereby authorize the physician selected by the Program Director to secure all proper and required treatment for my child/myself.**

X Signature _____ Date _____

XParent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

**WHAT TO BRING TO WEB OF LIFE FIELD SCHOOL
FOR TEACHERS AND CHAPERONES**

Day Hike Supplies

- Bag Lunch for first day**
- Day pack (book-pack)
- Canteen or water bottle
- Pencil

Bedding

- Warm sleeping bag
(or sheets and 3 warm blankets)
- Pillow

Toilet Articles

- Two bath towels and a wash cloth
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Comb/brush
- Soap
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Handkerchief or tissues
- Shampoo

Optional Items

- Shower thongs
- Hand lotion
- Other personal toiletries
- Insect repellent if desired
- Sunglasses
- Stationery, stamps
- Small change for payphone (no cell service)
- Laundry bag
- Musical instrument, if you agree to take responsibility for it

Clothing

- Underwear, 1 pair per day
- Socks, 1 pair per day plus 2 extras
- Pajamas
- Jeans or other long pants, 2-4 pairs
- Shirts, long and short sleeved, 4 total
- Heavy sweater or sweatshirt
- Warm jacket, hat and gloves
(for all seasons)
- Shoes suitable for hiking, 2 pairs
(no sandals please)
- Rain coat (for all seasons)
- Warm weather clothing - i.e. shorts, sunhat

Especially Important

- Medical Form
- Book (for your own time)
- Alarm clock and watch (no clock radios)
- Flashlight
- No cell phones or pagers*

Suggested Clothing

The weather is unpredictable during all seasons. Bring warm, comfortable clothing appropriate for your role as chaperone and the outdoor activities in which you will be involved.

Please wear suitable night wear as you may have to get up with a sick student. Sweats work well. Female chaperones may be sleeping in a cabin with boys, therefore, modest sleep attire is necessary.

Make sure all clothing is comfortable and can get dirty!

*Cell service is not available at our sites at this time

Reminder: Bring a bag lunch for the first day!

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We believe in positive reinforcement when it comes to behavior expectations. We feel that once students know and understand the behavior guidelines they will realize that they are fair and equitable to everyone. The following guidelines are not meant to restrict students from having a pleasurable experience, but rather to insure that everyone enjoys a healthy and safe field school experience.

Teachers and parents are responsible for discussing these rules with their students in order to best support their students. Please discuss them with your child and be sure that s/he understands the expectations and consequences.

Basic Rules:

- 1. Show respect for other people, places, and all living things.**
- 2. Always walk.**
- 3. Always be with an adult.**

Cabins:

1. Students are not to enter cabins other than their own.
2. Students are expected to be in bed and quiet by lights-out time.
3. Students will stay with their group at all times.
4. Pillow fights or rough-housing of any kind are not permitted.
5. Directions of the chaperone need to be followed.

Trail and Grounds:

1. Stay on the trail and walk with your naturalist or chaperone.
2. No running, throwing objects, pushing, or using walking sticks.
3. Students will not remove or harm any living plant or animal.
4. Listen quietly when a teacher, naturalist, chaperone, or other students are speaking.

Dining Hall:

1. Talk quietly at your table.
2. Only the "hopper" is allowed to leave the table during the meal.
3. No throwing or playing with food.
4. Listen right away when it is time for announcements.

Personal Belongings:

1. If it's not on the list, please don't bring it.
2. Students should not have hair dryers, walk-mans, or any electrical accessories.
3. Students should not have soda, candy, gum, or food of any kind.
4. Students should not bring money or valuables.

Responsibility for disciplining students at the Web of Life Field School will be shared by the entire staff including the director, classroom teachers, naturalists and chaperones. Communication between all members of the staff is essential in order to insure consistency and follow through.

Note: Students are responsible for understanding the rules before coming to the Web of Life Field School.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Responsibility for disciplining students at the Web of Life Field School is shared by the entire staff including the director, classroom teachers, naturalists and chaperones. Communication between all members of the staff is essential in order to ensure consistency and follow-through.

Note: Students are responsible for understanding the rules before coming to the WOLF School.

Discipline Procedure:

Clearly explain the rules, reasons for them and expectations of the students.

- 1. First Infraction:** Adult involved in giving the warning counsels student, explains warning and ensures understanding of the rule.
- 2. Second Infraction:** Teacher will be involved and will remind student of previous discussion, reason for rules and consequences of repeated warnings.
- 3. Third Infraction:** Student will be counseled by Program Director and Teacher. Teacher will be consulted to determine course of action. Student Behavior Contract will be filled out and signed by the student. Student is given a “send home warning” if the inappropriate behavior continues. Parents are notified at this time.
- 4. Further Discipline:** The student may be sent home at this time. The decision to send a student home is made by the Program Director in cooperation with the Classroom Teacher. The principal of the student’s school will be informed and the student will be expected to attend their home school.

The transportation of the student is the responsibility of his/her parent guardian.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - FIRST DAY

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** Following is the **order** of events. **Times will vary.** **Hours that are underlined are important set times.** **Other hours are estimates that may change depending on weather, etc.**

DAY 1

11:00 am - ARRIVAL

-Help unload luggage, use restrooms and help students and teachers get to the meeting area.

11:15 am - INTRODUCTIONS

- Be ready to introduce yourself and something that you are looking forward to at WOLF School.
- Students will go on site tour while **chaperone training** happens with the director.
- Be ready to **support Web of Life Field School rules:**

Respect all people, places and living things.

Always walk.

Always be with an adult.

12 noon - BIG CIRCLE

- Director leads whole group in the first big activity designed to set the mood for the week
- Help get all students teachers and chaperones into a big circle.
- Stand between students and if necessary, move between students who are being disruptive.

12:20 pm - LUNCH (Classroom teachers, chaperones, naturalists supervise students)

-Chaperones eat lunch with the students, supervise them and help them clean up.

1:00 pm - ALL CAMP MEETING

- Program Director goes over important information including how to move in to cabins.
 - 1.Put luggage down outside the cabin (if raining put all gear on one side of cabin).
 - 2.Follow chaperone into cabin and sit on floor in a circle for cabin meeting.
 3. Help students create a set of Cabin Agreements (rules) & Shower Schedule (who showers in Am and who in PM in what order).
 4. Help students choose bunks fairly (if too many want top bunks they can switch mid-week)
 5. Move gear into cabin and let help organize the cabin.

1:15 p.m. - MOVE-IN

- If possible, take off dirty shoes before entering cabin.
- Have student follow 1-5 above.
- At your cabin meeting, first learn the names of your students (can use a name game if you want).
- Then make cabin agreements, shower schedule.
- At the meeting, make sure to let the students know how you expect them to act, and rules you want followed. Review the WOLF School rules before this meeting so you can be consistent.
- Be a good role model. Though we are “at camp,” students are also at school and all are expected to follow school rules. It is preferable to be firm with students at this meeting than being too permissive.
- Get students ready for their first hike. Start preparing early. They will need: walking shoes, daypack, filled water bottle, jacket or raingear and they should have already gone to the bathroom before you go to theme meeting.
- You may give a student(s) a warning if they do not follow the school or cabin rules. Report warnings and names to the program director/naturalists the next time you meet.

Students may never enter any cabin other than their own.

6:00 pm- DINNER

- Chaperones will enter the dining hall and choose a table to supervise. Each table should have a chaperone or teacher who will supervise and converse with those students.
- Students will enter and choose seats. Rules: Keep noise level down, mix of boys/girls at each table, stay at your table, talk to those at your table, one student at a time up from table to use restroom or go to wazzit/library activity.
- Seconds, dessert and clean up may only begin when it is announced.

7:00 pm- PREPARE FOR EVENING ACTIVITY

- Have students and yourself prepare for evening activity-put on warm clothes or at least bring a jacket in case of mosquitoes, have students use the restroom.

7:30 pm - EVENING ACTIVITY

- Activity is usually a campfire outside at the amphitheater. If raining, it will be inside.
- Chaperones help seat students in their cabin groups, sit with them and role-model appropriate audience behavior and participation.

9:00 pm - RETURN TO CABINS

- Help students prepare for bed and prepare yourself for bed.
- Students may not wear clothes they have worn all day to bed—change to pajamas, sweats, etc.
- Brush teeth, use the bathroom.
- Chaperones may read a night-time story from the Chaperone Storybook by flashlight, as this helps the students calm down and get to sleep more easily. See a WOLF staff member in advance for a storybook.

9:30 pm - LIGHTS OUT & QUIET

- Students should let chaperone know if they are leaving the cabin to use the bathroom
- Chaperones may get up before the students so they can shower before the students. Let another chaperone know in advance so they can supervise your cabin. There is more time for chaperone showers available at 3:30 pm this afternoon.
- Enforce the lights out and quiet rule so those students who are tired can get enough sleep. Ask for help from teachers and staff if you want assistance.

DAYS 2 & 3 (OR ALL FULL DAYS)

7:00 am - RISE AND SHINE

- Students shower according to the shower schedule. Showers are 3 minutes and chaperones will have to help make sure all observe the short shower rule so all can get their showers done.
- Students not showering should be getting up and dressed and organizing their gear. If time they can play, read or chat.
- Students should not be hanging around the bathrooms or on the decks.
- Have students ready to walk down to breakfast a little early (7:45ish).

7:50 am- LINE-UP

- Chaperones have students line up in front of the dining hall.
- Announcements will be given. Remind students to focus on the directions.

8:00 am - BREAKFAST

- Help students remember how to do the meal, same as last night.
- After make a sandwich and wait to be dismissed back to their cabins to clean-up and prepare for field study.
- Make sure each student has a sandwich for lunch. If you think someone will be hungry, you can make an extra sandwich to bring along.**

9:30 am - CABIN TIME

- Return to cabin, have students organize their gear, make their beds, brush their teeth & use the bathroom, put together their backpack with their lunches, water bottles, extra layers, extra pair of socks, etc.
- Make sure they have done all of the above before leaving the cabin. You may not send a student back to the cabin alone if they forgot something.
- Before they leave the cabin have them go over the check-list to see that they have-gone to the bathroom, water bottle filled, lunch in the daypack, raingear, jacket, etc.
- Remind them they will NOT be returning to the cabins until 5:00 pm

10:00 am - THEME MEETING

- Chaperones meet with naturalists while Program Director checks-in with the students.
- Theme meeting, same expectations as before.

10:15 am - FIELD STUDY

- Same expectations as before

3:30 pm - RECREATION

- Chaperones & Naturalists check-in with Program Director.
- Chaperones have free time until the 5:00 pm cabin time. Shower, relax, recreate.

4:15 pm - CLASSROOM TEACHER/STUDENT TIME

- Students meet with their classroom teachers for a check-in.

5:00 pm - CABIN TIME

- Teachers usually escort students to the cabins for Feet on Bunk/Shower/Cabin Time.
- First 15 minutes should be quiet Feet on Bunk Time.
- Those students who didn't shower in the morning should shower in the afternoon.
- Same process as the morning schedule. Students not showering may play cards, talk, or participate in an activity led by the Chaperone.
- Do not have students go to take showers if it is after 5:50 pm or you'll be late for dinner.

5:50 pm - LINE-UP

6:00 pm - DINNER

7:00 pm – PREPARE FOR EVENING ACTIVITY

- Prepare for night walk, town hall meeting or other evening activity.
- For Night Walk, must wear warm clothes, have no backpacks, no water bottles or flashlights. (Chaperone must bring a flashlight-can borrow one from a student).
- Calm students' fears and energy level by walking calmly together to meeting spot.

7:30 pm - NIGHT WALKS/TOWN HALL MEETING/OTHER ACTIVITY

- Same as Field Study, Chaperones assist Naturalists, focus students, be a calming force.

9:00 pm- CABIN TIME

- Get ready for bed.

9:30 pm- LIGHTS OUT & QUIET

DAY 4 (OR LAST DAY)

7:00am- RISE AND SHINE

- Depending on how much time you think your cabin group will need, get up before 7 to pack-up gear and clean-up cabins.
- Floor, shelves and beds must be clean of trash. Tip up mattresses to check sides of bed area for trash and personal belongings. Lost and found items must be brought to Program Director.
- When things are packed and cabin and bathroom is clean (check all areas for trash and personal belongings), lead students in bringing luggage down to luggage area for loading. All items must be out of cabins before breakfast.

7:55 am - LINE-UP

8:00 am - BREAKFAST

- Students will also make a bag lunch.

9:30 am - FIELD STUDY

10:45 am - CLOSING: BIG CIRCLE


- Everyone is given an opportunity to share an appreciation or something they learned at the WOLF School

11:30 am - PROGRAM ENDS

Web of Life Field School Sample Daily Schedule

Day 1	Days 2 and 3	Day 4 (or last day)
11:00 Arrival, unload	7:00 Good Morning! (AM showers)	7:00 Good Morning! Pack & clean cabins, load bus. (no showers)
11:15 Introductions, tour, chaperone training	8:00 Breakfast & make bag lunches	8:00 Breakfast & make bag lunches
12:00 Opening Circle	9:30 Theme meeting	8:45 Theme Meeting & Field Study
12:20 Lunch	10:00 Field Study	11:00 Closing Circle
1:00 All Camp Meeting	3:30 Recreation – Teachers on Duty	11:30 Program Ends
1:15 Move In	4:15 Class Meeting time with teachers	<p>Bag lunches will be provided on last day of program.</p> <p>School may choose to eat lunch before departing, however WOLF School staff depart at 11:30am and teachers will be in charge.</p> <p>*Note: This is a <i>sample</i> schedule with estimated times. Each school has its own schedule adapted to suit the needs of the students so check with your program director or teacher for exact times and locations.</p>
2:00 Theme Meeting	5:00 Cabin Time. Feet on bunk and PM showers. Students with chaperones in cabins.	
2:30 Field Study	5:55 Line up for dinner	
4:30 Recreation – Teachers on duty	6:00 Dinner	
5:00 Cabin Time-Feet on bunk quiet time. Students with chaperones in cabins. (no showers)	7:00 Prepare for evening activity	
5:40 Emergency Drill	7:30 Evening Activity	
6:00 Dinner	9:00 Return to cabins – prepare for bed	
7:00 Prepare for evening activity	9:30 Lights out Staff/teachers night check	
7:30 Evening Activity		
9:00 Return to cabins – prepare for bed		
9:30 Lights out Staff/teachers night check		

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CABIN TIME ACTIVITIES - ICEBREAKERS

GETTING TO KNOW A SHOE: Form a circle, take off a shoe and put it in the center. Grab a shoe and meet the person to whom it belongs. Say something you found out about that person to everyone in the group.

WINK: Cut pieces of paper. Make an “X” on one piece. Everyone picks a piece of paper. The person with the “X” is the winker. Sit in a circle so everyone can see everyone else’s eyes. The winker puts people to sleep by winking. People who are winked at should wait a few seconds before going to sleep (fall asleep with gusto...yawn, stretch, etc.). Try to guess who the winker is.

HAGGOO: Two teams opposing each other about 3 feet apart. Teams take turns sending one person down the line. If that person can walk between the lines without laughing or smiling, a point is scored for his/her team.

HIP-HOP-HOOEY: Sit everyone in a circle with one student in the center. “It” points to one person in the circle and says either “hip”, “hop”, or “hip-hop-hooey”. If “It” says “hip”, the person pointed to must respond with the name of the person on his or her right before “It” counts down from 5 to 1). If “It” says “hop”, the selected person the name of the person on his or her left. If “It” says “hip-hop-hooey”, the selected person says the names of the people to his or her right and left. If he or she cannot respond correctly before “it” reaches 0, they trade places and the game starts over.

MAGIC NUMBERS: Gather items together and tell students that you are going to place the objects in a way that represents a number. They have to figure out what the numbers is. Make any pattern you want: *the number of fingers you have showing is what the number is!*

PSYCHIC SHAKE: Students silently choose a number 1, 2 or 3. No talking, everyone creates a secret hand-shake that explains their number. Students group together according to their number.

MINUTE MYSTERIES: Students ask yes or no questions to solve the story. Only answer yes or no! Make them figure it out. Only use hints as a last resort.

1. A woman lives on an island. She walks to work on the mainland every day because she doesn’t have a boat. How is that possible?

Answer: She lives in Alaska and walk across the ice.

2. Jack and Jill are lying on the floor dead. Besides them is a puddle of water and some broken glass. What happened?

Answer: They are fish and their aquarium broke.

3. A man is wearing a suit and is sitting in a chair; dead! Beside him is a rock and some broken glass. How did he die?

Answer: His suit is blue and red. He is superman and the rock is Kryptonite.

CABIN TIME ACTIVITIES - QUIET ACTIVITIES

THE MOON: Using your *left hand*, draw a face in the air and say “the moon has two eyes, a nose and a mouth”. Students are correct if they repeat the saying and hand motions using their *left hand*.

HUMAN KNOT: Students stand in a tight circle and grab two different peoples' hands. Everyone must get untangled without letting go of hands. Leader may perform knot first aid for challenging knots.

ABRA-KA-DABRA (BLACK MAGIC): Cabin leaders pick a confederate, and that student points to items in which the Cabin leader is guessing the right one. The right item is the one after the confederate student touches something black or points to something metal or an item of clothing, etc.

ISLANDS: Here is one for the Guinness Book. Pick a small object, say a bar of soap, and see how many people can touch that object at one time. Sounds easy? Hah! There is a catch. While touching the object, they may not touch anyone else in the group. Some variations might include finding the smallest object that everyone in the cabin can touch at the same time. One group can challenge another group with a particular object.

RED-HANDED: Have your group sit in a circle. One person is “it” and goes into the center. A small object (stick, rock, paper, etc.) is given to one person. Each person in the circle holds his or her fists out toward the person in the center. “It” closes “its” eyes, they have to decide who is holding the object. It is permissible (and a great part of the fun) to keep passing the object after “it” opens “its” eyes. The object of the game is to avoid being caught “Red-Handed” with the object. If you are caught, you become “it” for the next round. The best equipment for this game is a poker face.

WHO’S IN CHARGE HERE?: Sit in a circle with a selected “observer” in the center. While the person in the center has their eyes closed, the leader chooses one person in the circle to be “In Charge”. The person “In Charge” begins some action (for example: hand clapping) and the “Observer” opens his/her eyes. The object of the game is for the person “In Charge” to continually change the action without the “Observer” discovering who is “In Charge”. Limit the number of guesses to eliminate wild-random guesses. If the “Observer” is successful in spotting the person “In Charge”, they exchange places and the game starts over.

CABIN TIME ACTIVITIES - ACTIVE GAMES

THE CAPTAIN'S SHIP: All they have to do is follow your orders, Captain! If they don't or can't, they sit out the rest of the game (but don't worry, games go fast). Have them begin in a group in front of you on a safe, flat, running area. Designate an area where students will sit out. Explain the following "orders" and begin.

Captain's Coming: Everyone freezes and salutes until you say "at ease".

At Ease: Stand with feet apart & hands behind your back.

Hurricane: Spin in place.

Man Overboard: Two students. One on hands & knees, one with his/her hand on the other's back, looking "overboard".

Crow's Nest: Three students stand back-to-back and link elbows. (The crow's nest is the lookout on top of the mast).

Hint: Use "Captain's Coming" to stop action if someone gets hurt, cheats, etc. Play yourself and have a student or other cabin leader call.

ELBOW TAG: Stand the students in a circle. They are all elk who stay with a partner for safety. Have students link elbows with partners. Take one pair and make an elk into a wolf. Now the wolf chases the one free elk around the outside of the circle. The elk must link elbows with one of the people in the circle. When he/she does, he/she replaces that person's partner who is now the free elk. Manage this game so no one is the wolf or the free elk for too long.

ROCK-BRIDGE-TREE: This is a relay race where the runners have to jump over a rock, crawl under a bridge, and run around a tree. Divide the group into two teams and have them get on their knees and curl up in a ball to protect their heads. Situate each about 25-30 feet ahead of their team's line. Then choose one long-legged person from each team to be the bridges. They stand with their legs apart about 25-30 feet beyond the rocks. Next choose one person from each team to be the trees. They stand with their arms close to their sides about 25-30 feet beyond the bridges. After saying "ready, set, go" the relay race begins. Make sure that the runners jump over their team's rock, crawl under their bridge, run around their tree, then back under the bridge, over the rock and tag the next runner in their team's line.

CABIN TIME ACTIVITIES - MYSTERIES, BRAIN-TEASERS & RIDDLES

Q. A tree doubled in height each year until it reached its maximum height over the course of ten years. How many years did it take for the tree to reach half its maximum height?

A. *Nine years.*

Q. When Sandy Beach was six years old she hammered a nail into her favorite tree to mark her height. Ten years later at sweet sixteen, Sandy returned to see how much higher the nail was. If the tree grew by five centimeters each year, how much higher would the nail be?

A. *The nail would be at the same height since trees grow at their tops.*

Q. How many of each species did Moses take onto the ark with him?

A. *None. It was Noah's ark.*

Q. Justin Summers has a vacation house that is positioned in such a way that all four sides face south. How is this possible?

A. *Justin Summer's vacation house is at the North Pole.*

Q. There have been many amendments in the U.S. Constitution during the last 100 years. One of the most controversial items regards the transfer of power should one of the heads of state die while in office. If the Vice-President of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives should die while in office, who then becomes President?

A. *The President is still the President.*

Q. A man and his son were rock climbing on a particularly dangerous mountain when they slipped and fell. The man was killed, but the son lived and was rushed to the hospital. The surgeon looked at the young man and declared, "I can't operate on this boy: he is my son." How could this be?

A. *The surgeon was the boy's mother.*

Q. Which one of the three would see most clearly in total darkness? A leopard, a bat, or an owl?

A. *None. In total darkness it's impossible to see anything.*

Q. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?

A. *The letter M.*

Q. Before Mount Everest was discovered. What was the highest mountain on earth?

A. *Mount Everest.*

Q. In Duncan's cottage, where the temperature was below freezing, there was a newspaper, a fireplace, some kindling, and a kerosene lamp. What should he light first?

A. *The match.*

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