

# **Chaperoning Tips**

## **(Created by past chaperones)**

**A positive attitude is a must!**

**Be flexible. Even the planned agenda will probably change**

**This is not a vacation! It's fun, but it's hard work.**

**All adults present have to set an example**

**Sleep in very limited on an overnight trip. . You must be able to survive on around 4 hours a night.**

**Chaperones do all the activities that the students do (sleeping arrangements, meals, recreation activities, etc.)**

**At first, the kids may act like they don't "need" the adults and you may wonder what your purpose is. As the days go by, many will ask you for help.**

**There will always be experienced and rookie chaperones on every event. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed.**

**We should be concerned with the safety, health, and happiness of those left in our care, just as we are with our own kids.**

**There is a phone tree for group information updates back in Hastings.**

**On overnight trips, there is a chaperone/staff meeting every night before the student meeting. Items to be changed, things to come will be discussed.**

**Chaperones do whatever is needed to make the trip run smoothly.**

**All adults on the trip spread positive reinforcement when possible, and do not talk down/argue in front of the kids.**

**Chaperones will present the staff with any problems they see.**

**Chaperones are an incredible part of the marching band. Without them, there would not be any trips!**

**REMEMBER: YOU ARE MAKING MEMORIES!**