



## **Asbury Student Ministry Retreat Chaperone**

Youth Ministry

**Overview:** Your job, above all else, is to help students connect with the Lord. You're here to hold the door open so that they can see and experience God in the Retreat setting. Retreats tend to be some of the most meaningful experiences for our students. As an adult, we expect you to lean into that, to understand the importance of the event, and to guide students through it.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Be as involved in the preparation process as you can. This includes volunteer meetings, gathering supplies, early arrival, and any other needs you can meet.
- Make students feel welcome. Welcome students as they arrive. Let them know you're happy that they (individually and specifically) are here! Throughout the weekend, learn and use as many names as you can.
- Monitoring the students' conduct. Get on to students if they're misbehaving but do so subtly and lovingly. Don't raise your voice unless it's as a last resort. If bad behavior continues, notify a staff member.
- Take pictures and videos and send them to our staff members.
- Take up any phones that you see outside of designated phone times.
- Serve in the area you're asked to serve in.
- Any relationships you form on the retreat - build on them outside of it. If you see someone at church or in public, you're expected to acknowledge them and continue welcoming them.
- Participate in worship. Don't huddle in the back, but actually worship. Set the example and let students see what it means and looks like to worship.
- Be there as much as you can be, whether it's for the whole weekend, only during the day, only one night, etc. We can work around your schedule.

### **Additional Overnight Retreat Responsibilities:**

- On top of completing the Volunteer Training, Background Check and Safe Sanctuary Training, Overnight Retreat Responsibilities include:
  - Ensuring students stay in their assigned rooms.
  - Ensuring students go to sleep during the designated "Lights Off" time.
  - Making sure students wake up on time for the first activity.
  - Remind students to keep their rooms cleaned up.
  - Help check/clean students' rooms before we depart at the end of the retreat.

### **Outside the Asbury Student Ministry Retreat:**

- As time allows, invest in connecting with youth outside of our Asbury Student Ministry Retreats. Options include:
  - Attending 945 as time allows.
  - Attending student events (games, meets, ceremonies) as time allows.
  - Attending other weekly Sunday night events as time allows.
  - Attending weekly Wednesday night Life Group events as time allows.
  - Other creative means of building friendships with the youth and their parents have been sought.

**Contact:** For a no-strings-attached conversation about this ministry, contact Laura Provence the Middle School Director at [laura.provence@asburybham.org](mailto:laura.provence@asburybham.org).