



A word about Chaperones

1. A good rule of thumb for all Youth and Children's workers is that there are always at least two non-related screened adults present to supervise.
2. **All chaperones with youth on a Deep Impact trip must be 21 years of age or older and submit to a background check. On international mission trips we recommend chaperons be 25 years of age and older.**
3. Deep Impact depends on adult chaperons for a variety of reasons. One is to make sure all youth from your church enjoy their experience and have adult supervision. Another is to make sure we have enough adult leadership for our mission projects. With this in mind we would like to suggest a ratio of 2 adults for the first 7 youth same gender and then 1 more for each 7 over 14 youth. If you have less than 5 youth of either gender then we will allow you to have 1 adult per gender. If this is the case, adults will only be allowed to lodge in the same room as the youth when more than one other youth is present. **IF YOU CAN BRING 2 ADULTS PER GENDER EVEN AT 5 YOUTH AND UNDER IN NUMBER, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO.** When having difficulty securing adult chaperons please consider having adults split time during the week.
4. A background check will be required for all persons age 18+ (youth and adults) seeking to work with minors on a mission project. (see pg. 20 in the Leaders Manual)
5. When overnight trips are necessary, the following conditions must be met: No adult may room with a minor or group of minors except in situations where multiple single/twin bed/bunk type lodging is present such as barracks or cabins. In these cases, two or more screened adults may share lodging with a group of minors. No adult may sleep in the same bed as a minor at any time. In all situations, supervising adults must be of the same gender as the minors they are supervising.

Reminder: If both youth boys and girls are on a trip, then both male and female adult chaperones are to be present as well.