

Rudolf Steiner High School

Expectations of Adult Trip Chaperones for Model United Nations

The Model United Nations Club can only participate in the conferences with the support of adult chaperones, and we appreciate your interest in participating. Multiple-day trips are inherently serious activities and we ask that you consider these expectations, and your ability to meet them, as you consider accompanying us. As the adults we need to be over-prepared so that we can safely manage any situation that develops during the trip. Once that is done we can all enjoy the activities and the company of the students.

Supervision Expectations:

- Parents are asked to provide assistance to ensure that all students are well supervised when not in Model UN activities. Therefore your primary role is during meals, break time and overnight
- During meals and break time, please be present with the school group and engaged with the students
- From the end of scheduled activities to breakfast, students should be in their rooms and chaperones should be present. Please ensure that you can fulfill this expectation, and do not leave students alone during this time
- The Model UN activities often mean that students are preparing speeches, printing out materials and doing other last minutes prep. Anything that you can do to support them in this is helpful – including just reassuring them that their speeches are ready and good
- Monitor students at all times to ensure that they are adequately taking care of themselves – getting enough sleep, dressing sufficiently, eating, etc.
- Monitor students to ensure that all are emotionally supported. If you have concerns about a specific student, please share them with a faculty member
- There are often practical needs related to shopping, getting lunch, and managing student needs, please be open to running these errands at times when you are not needed for student supervision

Additional Details

- We ask that during the time you are present on the trip that you do not drink any alcohol beverages (even when on a break and not directly supervising students)
- A positive attitude goes a long way with teens – please make every effort to handle long, difficult days with humor and warmth