



PARENT CHAPERONE POLICY

MarineLab's programs are designed to educate students from 5th grade through college. Our curriculum is carefully designed to be most effective with these student learners. We find that groups with a large percentage of parent/chaperones can be distracting, reducing the effectiveness of our staff and curriculum and in some cases the safety of our programs. Based on our experience over the last decades, MarineLab has decided to implement a new policy regarding parent/chaperone participation.

We understand that some schools or group leaders encourage parents to attend field trips with their students. We also understand that some groups need to include paying parents to help make the trip affordable for their students.

In order to provide the best educational experience for the students, we are limiting parent/chaperone participation to no more than the maximum for the number of boats required to accommodate the number of students in the group.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Case #1: There are 25 students signed up. This requires 3 boats, for a maximum of 30 participants. Three chaperones are required, and two additional chaperones are allowed for a maximum of 5 adults.

Case #2: There are 38 students signed up. This requires 5 boats, for a maximum of 50 participants. Five chaperones are required, and 7 additional chaperones are allowed for a maximum of 12 adults.

Thank you for all that you do to bring students to the MarineLab Experience!

Sincerely,

The Management and Staff of MarineLab

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