



Policy Page

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PALs: The number and quality of all CHESS activities depend entirely upon Parent Activity Leaders, PALs, volunteering to organize them. It is a requirement of membership that Members volunteer to organize an activity at least once during the school year. Only first year members are exempt from this requirement.

Field Trip Guidelines: CHESS field trips are reserved for member families. Grandparents are always welcome. Other adults may attend as chaperones, to help supervise a member family's children. Non-member families with children may not attend CHESS field trips. Neither should other children be invited as guests, if the child's family does not have a CHESS membership.

It may be possible to make an exception for guests who are staying with a member family. The exception must be approved by the CHESS chairman and/or a vote of the board members, and the guests will be required to sign a liability waiver before attending the field trip.

Whenever possible, we prefer to collect admission on the day of the field trip. However, in some cases, it will be necessary to collect payments in advance. Reservations exist at the time that pre-payment is received. Those who fail to pay in advance for a field trip will not be considered part of the group, and will not be entitled to any special group rates that CHESS may have negotiated for members. Once payment is received for a field trip, a reservation is confirmed. Field trip payments are not refundable. If a member has paid for a field trip and cannot attend, it is that member's responsibility to find another CHESS family to purchase the reserved tickets.

Activity Standards: Parents and students are expected to follow a basic set of standards to uphold the dignity and Christian witness of the organization. These standards apply to all age groups. Parents are responsible to make their children aware of these standards.

- Children should look neat and well groomed.
- Children should show appropriate respect to adult leaders/coaches.
- Children should respond by raising hands and asking questions during appropriate times.
- Children should stay with parents at all times, unless another adult has assumed responsibility. *Parent attendance is required for all elementary activities, and encouraged but not required for middle and high school activities.
- Children and spectators should act with good sportsmanship during all athletic events.

Which events the students participate in or what personal convictions they adhere to will be left to the parents' individual discretion and will not be dictated by the group policy except those in the By-Laws and Policy Page. These include such issues as coed swimming, dancing, dress length, etc. An appropriate degree of modesty in these areas should reflect our Christian standards so that Christ is glorified and the occasion is not ruined for others.