



Timpanogos Cave Chaperone Responsibilities

Please have all chaperones read their responsibilities before attending the trip.

Your role as chaperone is one of the most important jobs you can have when agreeing to accompany students on a fieldtrip. This letter is to outline your role and responsibilities when visiting Timpanogos Cave National Monument. The overall outcome of your group's visit depends on the supervision the students receive from you. It is a big task; one that we hope you fully understand and fully act upon.

As a chaperone, you are expected to:

- Pay close attention to the behavior and needs of your students. Please do not bring other children with you. We want to limit the distractions to the educational component of your group's visit.
- Stay with your group at all times. While hiking on the cave trail a chaperone/teacher should be at the front of the group and at the end of the group with the students in the middle. The groups should hike close enough that every student is in view of a chaperone at all times.
- Make sure all students follow the rules of the cave trail as well as the caves.
 - Remain on the paved trail at all times, and no running on the cave trail. This is for everyone's safety.
 - Do not touch any of the cave formations. Oils and dirt from your hands will permanently damage and stain the cave.
 - Ensure that nothing is thrown into cave pools. We do not want to introduce new bacteria into the water.
 - Smoking or other tobacco use is not permitted anywhere in the cave.
 - Gum, candy, or any food items are not permitted in the cave.
 - Do not collect, pick, or take anything from the park (e.g., rocks, flowers, etc.).
- Chaperones should be aware that rockfall can occur at any time. High rockfall areas are marked with red lines. Please do not stop in these areas.
- Chaperones should be aware of steep cliff edges along the cave trail. Please have students walk on the inside of the trail and away from the cliff edge.
- The behavior of your group rests on you. It is *your responsibility* to maintain control at all times. Be aware that a non-compliant group will be asked to leave the cave, and fees may be invoked dependent upon specific behaviors.