

Treasured Foundation 2016

Chaperone Guidelines

Chaperone: *noun*; an older person who accompanies young people at a social gathering to ensure proper behavior; *broadly*: one delegated to ensure proper behavior



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YOUTH PASTORS / LEADERS: Please ensure that each individual attending Treasured Foundation 2016 as a **CHAPERONE** reads through this document and is aware of their responsibilities and expectations placed upon them. Chaperones will **KNOW** that they are registering as such, and are **expected to carry the role and be accountable as a chaperone.**

TREASURED FOUNDATION is often the first opportunity that some of our students have to spend several days away from the watchful and protective eye of their parents. We've all been kids, and we know what we were capable of when we were teens. With that in mind, it's important that we provide good, mature and responsible guidance for the young people entrusted to our care for the duration of Treasured Foundation 2016.

To ensure the success of TF, it is very important to select the right chaperones for your youth ministry group to make it a positive and encouraging experience. When selecting chaperones, keep in mind that they will be dealing with high school students from across the EMMC, not just your kids. Chaperones need to display maturity and a willingness to cooperate with activities and program as laid out by the TF Planning Committee.

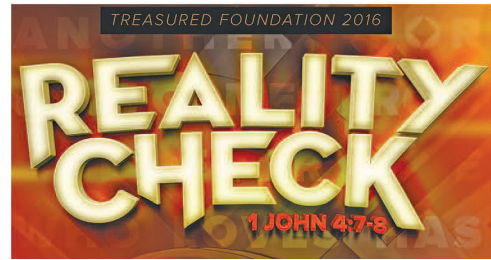
We invite you to prayerfully consider the appropriate chaperones for your youth group. If you have difficulty finding suitable chaperones, please contact one of the TF Planning Committee members listed on the next page, and we will be happy to assist you with locating chaperones for your group.

If you have youth with special needs in your group who will be attending TF, please ensure that you have chaperones / attendants who are familiar with that individual and are able to respond to that student's needs.

Chaperones are required to complete the REGISTRATION FORM and turn it in with their payment.

We aim to have one chaperone for every four youth attending TF. **Youth leaders are considered "chaperones" for these guidelines as well.** It is preferable that there be an appropriate ratio of male to male / female to female chaperones and leaders from each youth group.

The following are the expectations and guidelines for ALL chaperones (chaps) attending TF.



Guidelines while at TF 2016:

- attend the leader / chap meeting the first evening of TF
- attend the morning Leader Devo / Heads Up connecting time with leaders and chaperones
- be aware as to **who** to contact in case of certain situations, emergencies, assistance with behavior / spiritual challenges, etc.
- relationship building with the youth and other leaders
- on-going responsibility throughout the service opportunities, worship times and activities
- lead evening room quiet time if there is no youth leader in the room. Devos and or suggested questions will be provided for each room
- give directive to quiet time / wake up time. Ensure that at least one person is awake in the room before you leave for the morning Leader Devo / Heads Up
- make sure the TF Evaluations are filled out by the youth in their room and handed in to appropriate people
- crowd control at the large events
- keep tabs on the kids who are assigned to your room. Connect with them throughout the day, even if it's just to find out how their day is progressing
- be a positive example to the students spiritually and socially

If you encounter a situation that requires more adult supervision, support or assistance, connect with any one of the Planning Committee members. All committee members anticipate attending TF for the entire event. Additional EMMC / Go Mission! Home Office staff will also be on-site as support and encouragement, and are available for assistance at any time.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members in advance for clarification of any of the above guidelines. We look forward to assisting you in making this an exceptional experience for you, your leadership team and the youth in your ministry!

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