Illini Summer Academies
Chaperone Information

**To Apply to be an ISA Chaperone**

Adult Chaperones must be age 21 and must have been approved by the University of Illinois Extension Volunteer Screening procedures. They must also have completed the on-line Overnight Chaperone Orientation Certification at: [http://web.extension.illinois.edu/4hchaperone/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/4hchaperone/).

In order to apply as a chaperone, if you are already not a screened Extension/4-H Volunteer, you must contact your local University of Illinois Extension Office for the appropriate forms. Screening involves an interview and submission of forms for a Department of Children & Family Services CANTS check and a State Police check. Chaperones will also be checked against the Sex Offender website. The DCFS application may take a few weeks to get through the system, so individuals are encouraged to start this process early.

**Expectations of ISA Chaperones**

Chaperones must register via the on-line registration program for the Illini Summer Academies. The discounted registration fee of $125 must be paid; sometimes local Extension Offices will cover this cost. You will need to contact them to see if this is possible. The chaperone fee covers meals, housing, and extra activities.

Chaperones are also responsible for completing all the same paperwork as delegates – the *Emergency Medical Form, Code of Conduct/Media Release*, and the *Agreement to Assume Risk* forms.

Chaperones are not expected to participate in academy workshops and do not register for Academies. They will have an abbreviated schedule that includes Sunday evening programming; Monday morning community service assistance; Monday evening programming; Tuesday evening programming; and Wednesday programming from lunch through the Closing Ceremony.

Chaperones are expected to do delegate “checks’ at specific times during the day and report to ISA Headquarters regarding their delegates. They will have “free time” Monday lunch through the afternoon; Tuesday from breakfast until late afternoon; and Wednesday morning until lunch. Adult chaperones will be expected to be available and "on duty" from 4:30 p.m. until curfew and "on call" until the morning breakfast. Chaperones stay in
the dormitories in proximity with the delegates for whom they are responsible.

Chaperones are responsible for approximately 10 youth of the same gender. These youth may be from various locations throughout the state.

A teleconference orientation for chaperones will be held in early June. In addition, chaperones will receive a complete Orientation packet that describes their responsibilities during the event. **Chaperones will be required to attend an on-site meeting early afternoon Sunday, June 23 (prior to on-site registration)** to again review the packet, their responsibilities, and any changes to the program.