

Hope Builders Chaperone Norms

- Thank You for being a Hope Builder's Hero and Role model for our St. Matthew's teens.
- We are here to mentor and help our St. Matthew's teens and one another.
- We are here to help our Kentucky brothers and sisters.
- There is much work to be done, however, please remember that it is just as important to build relationships with the homeowners/families and your crew. Encourage and empower the teens. Help set the tone. Golden Rule should always be at the forefront.
- Have a sense of humor and be patient. Teens can sometimes be frustrating. Be firm but kind and don't be afraid.
- Pray with your team and families. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. Be a spiritual leader.
- Uphold norms of safety and child protection. See the *Code of Conduct* (No Alcohol, No 1 on 1 isolation, etc.)
- Uphold norms of job safety. Wear goggles, clean- up work sites etc. (This does not mean you clean up after your teens)
- Collaborate and be creative in solving problems. There is nothing we can't sort out if we talk it out and work Together.
- Share concerns with adult crew and trip leaders. If you have an issue with a teen not working well with others, a frustration between adults or problems with a Good Neighbors staff member or any other issue, please speak up immediately. It does not help to learn of issues at the end of the week.
- Ask questions.
- Have Fun! Part of the Experience is to attend and be present for the extra-curricular activities. This is a good time to connect with teens off the work site. Reach out especially to teens who may seem disconnected from their peers.
- When all else fails—Pray!