

Adult Leader Information

- Be flexible. Plans always seem to change, so adults and youth need to adapt to the changes.
- Respect your kids.
- Respect the guidelines yet set down with and for your own group.
- Work with the Idaho Servant Adventure staff and other adult leaders to determine joint responsibilities for interaction, work groups, discipline, and so forth.
- You are a participant also, not merely a bystander, driver, or observer, so jump in and enjoy!
- At Idaho Servant Adventures, all the youth are given significant leadership roles. We know from experience that this is one of the best things we do. Adults are not project leaders...they are servants who happen to be adults! Let the kids lead!
- You may see youth at their worst (attitude, hair, etc.) and at their best (love, compassion, etc.).
- Or you may see yourself at your worst (attitude, hair, etc.) and at your best (love, compassion, etc.).
- You may not get enough sleep.
- You may have to sleep in a room full of noisy, messy, snoring people (bring earplugs)!
- You may have to take someone to the emergency room.
- You will have to be the adult on this trip, which means counselor, advocate, mom, dad, nurse, friend, mentor, model, and servant all rolled into one.
- Be flexible.
- Make sure your listening skills, first-aid technique, listening skills, and first-aid kit are up-to-date.
- Listen, show compassion, and be empathetic toward youth (from your group and others) as they share their feelings and frustrations.
- Did we say Listen?
- Support the other adults in the group and address disagreements or concerns with them privately, positively, and professionally.

- Talk through the "You've Signed Up to Go on an Idaho Servant Adventure... Now What?" list with your youth.
- Read through everything sent to you and share everything appropriate with the youth you are bringing to the event.
- You can help your youth "get this servanthood thing" by focusing on the reason we serve, not merely on "getting the job done."
- You have the privilege of helping youth from your congregation process the Servant Adventure experience for themselves and helping them bring their learning back to the congregation.
- By your involvement you are allowing youth a chance to experience what it means to be an active member of the body of Christ.
- Remember, you are a gift to youth, and they can be a gift to you. So, enjoy the youth and enjoy the experience!
- Oh, yes, and be flexible. Did we mention that?