

Church Chaperones and Background Checks

CHURCH CHAPERONES

Kentucky WMU requires all children and youth participating in **Courage 2019** to be accompanied by church chaperones. For **Courage 2019**, a male chaperone is required for each group of 1-7 boys.

To ensure the best possible care of our campers while at **Courage 2019**, church chaperones must:

- ✓ be 21 years of age or older
- ✓ pass a background check conducted by the sponsoring church
- ✓ be a member of the sponsoring church
- ✓ be in good health and physical condition
- ✓ be a non-smoker
- ✓ set a good example for campers in speech, dress, and conduct

BACKGROUND CHECKS

In recent years, churches, state conventions, and organizations like Kentucky WMU have recognized the need to be more proactive in protecting our children from harm. Background checks provide information about any reported criminal behavior, allowing organizations to make responsible decisions about who should and should not be allowed to work with youth and children. Kentucky WMU is requiring that our sponsoring churches conduct their own background checks on potential church chaperones for Courage 2019. To indicate your compliance with this request, the RA leader or trip coordinator should complete the **Acknowledgement and Assurance Form**. (Other side of this page.) **This form should be signed by the pastor and a church officer/trustee. It must be notarized as well.** Kentucky WMU does not need copies of the background checks. Your signatures assure us that you have conducted background checks and have chosen appropriate volunteers. Individuals not listed on the **Acknowledgement and Assurance Form** will not be permitted to serve as chaperones. Churches and Kentucky WMU both benefit from knowing they have suitable volunteers.

For more information on Background Checks:

Kentucky - Office of the Courts, Call 502-573-2350 or 800-928-2350, or go to:

<http://courts.ky.gov/aoc/criminalrecordreports/Pages/default.aspx>

www.lifeway.com (Search "Background Checks")

www.protectmyministry.com (Site used by Kentucky WMU and KBC)

PLEASE MAIL THE FOLLOWING FORMS TO KY WMU TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION

- Church Acknowledgement and Assurance Form
- Health History/Release from All Claims Form for each participant (boys and chaperones)

Must be postmarked by July 26!

Mail to:

Courage 2019

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