

LCORT 2017 - Chaperone FAQ

What is LCORT?

- LCORT is Leadership Conference of Regional Teens
- It was developed in 1990 as the annual youth conference of the South Central Section of the California 4-H Youth Development Program.
- For 2017 it is open to the 12 counties of the former South Central Section and the 10 additional counties in the new Central Area.
- Youth Delegates are 4-H members age 12-14 as of 12/31/2016 from all 22 counties. They attend a series of workshops developed and presented by Leadership Team Members (4-Hers age 14-18 as of 12/31/2016) from the 12 South Central counties.
- The weekend also includes general assemblies, motivational speakers, recreational activities and a Saturday night dance.

When and where is LCORT?

- Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29, 2017
- Wonder Valley Ranch Resort and Conference Center, Sanger, CA, which is in Fresno County. Their website is www.wondervalley.com

Why should I volunteer to be a chaperone at LCORT?

- LCORT chaperones have the chance to network with other 4-H volunteers, staff, and members in a beautiful, secluded setting.
- Attending the series of workshops presented by teen 4-H members will expose you to many engaging and effective ways to teach leadership skills that you can bring back to your county and club.
- Although you'll have important responsibilities throughout the weekend, the overall atmosphere at LCORT is relaxed. Many of our veteran chaperones look forward to the conference as an opportunity to catch up with friends they see only once or twice a year.
- You're needed! Counties must provide one chaperone for every eight youth attending LCORT, and this number must be balanced by gender. Your help is essential to the safety of our youth members.

What responsibilities will I have as a chaperone?

- All adults are expected to provide supervision and support for all youth throughout the conference. You will also have the following specific duties:
 - Attend the on-site chaperone orientation on Friday evening.
 - Provide supervision in the dorm room to which you are assigned.
 - Attend the series of 12 workshop sessions with the workshop Rotation Group to which you are assigned, or in the case of Leadership Team Advisors — provide supervision and support to your county's Leadership Team Members as they present their sessions.
 - Attend all assemblies
 - Assist in getting delegates to activities on time

- Assist conference staff in correcting delegate violations of dress code and code of conduct. Violations of the Code of Conduct are reported to the Conference Dean(s).
- Provide supervision at an assigned location during a recreation period on Saturday afternoon and/or evening.
- Provide additional assistance when needed
- You may also be expected to provide transportation to the conference for delegates from your county. Check with your county's staff regarding this.

Will I know who is assigned to my dorm room before arriving at LCORT?

- Yes. Dorm room assignments are made about two weeks before the conference. These are sent to 4-H staff for distribution to chaperones.

Will the youth members in my dorm room be from my county?

- This depends on the final mix of chaperones and delegates. Some delegations are too large to fit in one dorm room, while others are very small. The process of assigning youth delegates to a room with at least one preferred roommate, while maintaining the required chaperone-to-youth ratio, usually results in some mixed-county rooms.

Who is responsible for dorm room keys?

- Wonder Valley provides our conference with 2 keys to each dorm room. Designated LCORT staff will distribute keys on Friday night during check-in. One chaperone will receive a key while the second key is used for letting delegates into the rooms to stow luggage. Once delegates are checked in, the second chaperone in the room can receive the second key. Only chaperones are provided with dorm room keys and must sign for them.
- Youth delegates and Leadership Team members are not provided with dorm room keys. LCORT provides delegates a chance to learn to think ahead and prepare for the day. This skill will come in handy when delegates find themselves living on a sprawling college campus or miles from a job.
- Our experience shows that requiring delegates to be supervised by an adult whenever they are in the room avoids confusion, false accusations, and hard feelings if something is lost or damaged. It also pre-empts the possibility of someone being accused wrongly of misbehavior.
- If a delegate absolutely does need to return to the room, he or she can ask a staff member for help, rather than trying to track you down and cause you to be late to workshops, etc.

Why are chaperones required to attend all the workshop sessions and assemblies?

- Although middle school-age delegates are the primary target audience for workshops and assemblies, there's a lot for adults to learn, too. In addition, chaperones, because of their greater experience, can discreetly offer suggestions for improving workshops if needed.
- Chaperones serve as models of appropriate behavior, and can assist the teen workshop presenters with classroom management, if necessary.
- Chaperones provide support for shy or confused delegates, especially those attending LCORT for the first time.

- If a chaperone has a valid reason for being excused from attending one or more sessions (e.g., concerns that lack of sleep due to a roommate's snoring may impede his or her ability to drive home safely), this can be worked out on an individual basis with the conference deans.

What happens to medications?

The procedure for all medications has changed. This applies to prescription and over-the-counter medications for youth and adults at LCORT

- All medications to be administered, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs for all youth and adults, must be listed on the Medical Treatment form.
- All medications must be brought to LCORT in their original labeled containers, inside a ziplok-type bag labeled with the patient's name.
- All medications must be given to the Health Coordinator at check-in.
- Medications will be administered by the Health Coordinator during LCORT at pre-arranged times and locations, announced at orientation.
- For over-the-counter medications listed on the Medical Treatment form but not brought to LCORT (such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.), the Health Coordinator will evaluate potential need for medication, and will make decisions based on health history information and authorization for treatment on file.
- Medications will be returned to participants at check-out.
- Persons with epi-pens or asthma inhalers may keep these with a documented written arrangement with the Health Coordinator. Contact the LCORT Adult Chair to facilitate this.

Who would provide my support and supervision during LCORT?

The LCORT staff includes a Dean of Men and a Dean of Women. These are experienced volunteers who provide orientation and on-going mentorship to chaperones during the conference. The deans work with the LCORT Adult and Youth Chairs.

What does it cost to attend LCORT as a chaperone?

Most counties pay the registration fee for their chaperones. Check with your county office for details.