



Notes for Accompanying School Faculty

We are thrilled that you will be accompanying your students on their ALIVE Outdoors experience. Your participation is an extremely important factor in the success of the program! We are huge believers in the power of these trips and we hope that you will see this as a unique opportunity to enhance the richness and meaning of your relationships with your students. It is also a great opportunity for your students to get to know you and who you are beyond the classroom walls.

While you are at one of the ALIVE camps, you will be assigned to a rotation group of approximately 10-16. There will be one instructor also assigned to each group. While the ALIVE instructors will assume the daily leadership role in regards to all activity planning and teaching, they will look to you as an active and engaged co-leader in regards to group management. Below is a detailed overview of your expected roles and responsibilities while with ALIVE. We hope this information will help you better understand the nature of the program and your role within it.

- **Supporting Experiential Education** - ALIVE operates under the philosophy of experiential education, which empowers students to take an active role in their learning, with minimum direction from leaders and adults. Challenge, struggle and even occasional mistakes are all parts of experiential learning. School faculty should refrain from offering excessive suggestions, taking on dominant leadership roles, or showing students 'how to do it' before letting them try first.
- **Active Participation** - Be an active and positive influence and participant in all of your group's activities. Be open-minded and engaged. Students love to get to know their faculty/staff on a more personal level than maybe the classroom allows. A school representative must be present with each activity group at all times.
- **Encourage Student Engagement** - Help encourage students' participation and interest in the activities. Help maintain students' focus on the activities at hand and aid in discipline if needed. ALIVE instructors, in partnership with the host site's staff, will be responsible for all activity instruction and programming, but may need your help and support in the program delivery. Please speak to instructors if you have students in your group that may require special attention or different approaches to instruction.
- **Time Management** - You will be provided with a detailed program itinerary upon arrival at the Outdoor Centre. Please help keep students on their activity schedule to maximize their programming time.
- **Risk Management** - Extensive risk management policies are in place at ALIVE and the host site to help ensure the safety of both you and your students. It is essential that you pay close attention to any safety briefings given by ALIVE Outdoors instructors and ensure that students are adhering to these policies. If you have any questions about our risk management policies please ask your instructor or the appointed ALIVE Lead Facilitator.
- **Student & Behaviour Management** - While at an ALIVE camp you and your fellow faculty will be responsible for student supervision at specific times throughout the day including: meal times, scheduled down time, and after evening program when the students have been sent to their cabins—and through the night—until we all convene again for breakfast. At these times you are responsible for keeping track of your students, ensuring their well being, encouraging appropriate behaviour and enforcing discipline as needed. You may want to create a supervision schedule within your faculty group, to ensure adequate supervision while also providing you each some personal downtime each day. At bedtime at least 2 faculty should make rounds of your school's assigned cabin area until camp is quiet.

- **Communication** - We are always open to feedback and greatly appreciate your positive and constructive comments. Please communicate with ALIVE instructor regarding students or personal questions or concerns. One of the ALIVE Directors will meet with you on the day of arrival to discuss these roles further and a debrief meeting will be held at the end of your experience.

At the beginning of each activity period the instructor will briefly connect with the accompanying faculty leader to discuss ways in which they can be helpful. At this time faculty can also give the instructor suggestions on communicating with this specific group of students.

We will also check in with you at the end of each day—Please let us know if there is anything we can do to enhance the experience for you or your students.

- **Medication Distribution & Dietary Support** - Faculty are expected to manage student medications & to help with students who may have special dietary concerns or supplemental meals. Often, teachers may be required to hold onto medication for students and ensure that it is used appropriately. ALIVE instructors (other than when there is a designated paramedic or nurse for large groups) will not be involved with medications. Teachers may be required to remind students with special dietary needs to go into the kitchen to pick up their appropriate meal.

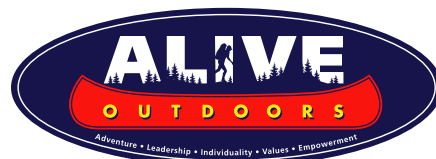
- **School Vehicle** – **The school is required to send 1 support vehicle to be parked up at camp for the duration of the program.** This is often a teacher’s personal vehicle that is driven up separately from the bus. This vehicle will be used if transportation is needed for non-emergency related issues. Further, if this vehicle needs to be utilized it will be a teacher who will drive and accompany the student.

- **Have Fun!**

Kurt Hahn, a pioneer in experiential education once said, *“There is more in us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps, for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less.”* It is these trips outside of the classroom that often allow young people the opportunity to see themselves in a new and remarkable way. We are honoured to share these experiences with you and your students and we are grateful to you for taking the time to accompanying your students on this valuable outdoor experience.

If you have any questions regarding your roles and expectations at camp please don’t hesitate to contact our office through email: info@aliveoutdoors.com or by phone: 416.429.8082

It takes all of us working together as a team to ensure that the program we deliver is as effective and smooth as possible. Thank you for your support and interest.



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