



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so excited to have your child visit Camp RIO. They will experience a day full of adventure, excitement, and fun!

We appreciate the enthusiasm and support of our parent community, and we understand the desire to be directly involved in your child's educational experiences. However, after careful consideration and consultation with our staff and safety experts, we have determined that we must limit the number of parent chaperones at Camp RIO.

This decision is rooted in two primary concerns:

Safety: Our staff takes pride in providing an experience that is both engaging and safe. Camp RIO is 85-acre property that is fully gated. Our gates are monitored by our staff and any visitors are vetted through our Raptor process. While having additional adults present can sometimes enhance safety, the logistics of managing a large number of chaperones can introduce complexities that compromise our ability to ensure a secure environment. Our established chaperone-to-student ratio has been carefully calculated to maintain control and supervision throughout the trip.

Student Engagement: Field trips are invaluable opportunities for students to explore new environments, engage with the material in meaningful ways, and develop independence and social skills. Research indicates that excessive adult supervision can inadvertently inhibit student participation and learning.

We understand that this decision may disappoint some parents who were eager to participate as chaperones. Please know that it was made with the best interests of all students in mind, and it does not diminish the importance of your support and involvement in other aspects of our Camp RIO community.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at maya@camprio.org.

Sincerely,
Maya Rasmussen
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