

Supervision Guidelines

Proper supervision of children is imperative on a farm or ranch. It is not as simple as “keeping an eye” on them, as that may not allow the adult the opportunity to intervene before something happens.

In order to provide “proper supervision” the following guidelines should be followed:

- All children under age 16 are accompanied by a “supervising adult”.
- All groups comply with the recommended adult to child ratios for visiting farms.

Age	Number of Children	Number of Adults
Under 5	2	1
5-8	3	1
9-12	5	1
13-17	10	1

Adapted from: National Park Service.

- When supervising children, all parents/chaperones need to:
 - Know which children they are responsible for.
 - Make sure that children understand and follow the rules.
 - Understand the importance of enforcing health and safety guidelines.
 - Be within eyesight **and** arm’s reach of young children at all times.
 - Know what to do in the event of an incident/emergency.