

2010 Beaver Creek Christian Camp & Retreat Center Parental Consent

Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks and Waiver of Claims for Minors

Please read carefully before signing. This document includes a release of liability and waiver of certain legal rights.

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in camping activities sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Conference, UMC and held at the Beaver Creek Christian Camp & Retreat Center, or at another agreed to location:

Acknowledgement of Risks

I understand that there are numerous risks associated with participation in any camping activities, including such things as hiking, swimming, archery, horseback riding, mountain biking (Jr. High and Sr. High only), rock climbing, ropes courses, field games, crafts and transportation to and from camp activities, and that many, but not all, of these risks are inherent in these and other activities. These risks, which contribute to the unique character and desirability of the activities involved, may pose the possibility of severe injury, illness or death. I further understand that most of the activities involved in the camping experience at Beaver Creek will take place in an outdoor environment.

I also understand that many of the risks inherent in the camping experience cannot be eliminated, altered or controlled. Some, but not all, of the specific risks include:

- Weather conditions may change rapidly and unpredictably and may directly cause injury, i.e. severe rainstorms, hail storms, sunburn, lightning strikes, cold temperatures, or by acting on other factors, i.e. performance of equipment may be impaired by weather conditions.
- Equipment used in activities may break, fail, or malfunction, despite reasonable maintenance and use, and may inflict injuries, even when used as intended. Persons using equipment may lose control of such equipment and cause injury to themselves and/or others.
- Most activities take place in a natural environment, where unexpected, unseen, and unknown/unmarked objects and conditions create risk of injury, i.e. falling, tripping, slipping, insect or animal contact, unstable surface conditions, falling rocks and objects, potentially harmful vegetation.
- Counselors and guides use their best judgment in determining camper's ability to participate in camp activities. However, campers may have unknown conditions which would limit their participation in certain activities or increase camper's risks of injury. **It is imperative that parents notify the event staff, in writing, of any known limitations.**
- Motor vehicle accidents, not the direct fault of Beaver Creek directors and counselors may occur in the course of transporting participants to and from other activities.
- Some camping activities may have inherent risks, due to the nature of the camping experience, and there may be other risks which cannot be anticipated.

Acknowledging the above risks and other potential risks, I give permission for my child to participate in **(please check all that apply)**:

- Low Ropes Challenge Course (Inspected annually for safety) – spotters in place when necessary, adult supervision, trained facilitators on course
- Canoeing – Type 5 Lifejackets and high quality canoes in use when on water, adult supervision, lifeguard on duty
- Rock Climbing – helmets, safety harness and Gris-gris self-braking belay device in use, adult supervision. (3rd & 4th Grade camps restricted to 8' to 10' walls)
- Horseback Riding – helmets, adult supervision
- Mountain Biking (Jr. High & Sr. High only) – helmets, adult supervision
- Archery – adult supervision, trained facilitator on-site
- Various Team Sports/Hiking – adult supervision

I acknowledge and assume the risks involved in any of these activities and for any damage, illness, injury or death resulting from such risks, for my child, with the exception of any unapproved activities described above. There are no physical, emotional, or mental problems or limitations associated with my child's participation in camp activities, except as disclosed by me/us in writing to the Beaver Creek Christian Camp & Retreat Center.

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Release, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnification:

I, on behalf of my child, absent gross negligence or willful conduct hereby release and waive any claim of liability against the Rocky Mountain Conference, United Methodist Church and the Beaver Creek Christian Camp & Retreat Center and its employees and agents with respect to any injury, illness, damage or death, occurring to me or my child while he/she participates in any and all camp/retreats programs and activities.

Governing Law

I agree that this document, and all other aspects of my child's relationship with the Rocky Mountain Conference UMC and its agents and employees, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado. Further, I agree that any legal proceedings concerning such relationship shall be filed exclusively in the State of Colorado.

I have read and understand the above and agree to be bound by the terms of this document.

Camper

Parent/Guardian signatures (if participant is under 18 years old)

Date

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

I/we hereby give my/our permission to camp officials to call a doctor or emergency medical service and for the doctor, hospital or medical service to provide emergency medical or surgical care for my/our child _____ should an emergency arise.

It is understood that camp officials will make a conscious effort to locate the emergency contacts provided before any actions is taken. If it is not possible to locate emergency contact listed, I/we will accept the expense of emergency medical or surgical treatment. I/we also give permission for the dispensing of listed medications to my/our camper as instructed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Print name