

Woods Forest School Release of Liability Waiver/Form

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, recognize that my dependent will be involved in outdoor activities in a program offered by Woods Forest School. Major activities involved in may include hiking, gardening, playing in rivers and creeks, bouldering, tree climbing, animal tracking, and obstacle courses. Our program operates in remote areas where evacuation to medical facilities may take up to an hour. Weather conditions can be extreme, with temperatures reaching up to 115 degrees. Physical demands on the child may include carrying a backpack over uneven terrain such as boulders, river beds, fallen logs, or slippery surfaces as well as ascending and descending trails.

I understand that outdoor activities present to the participant a wide variety of risks, hazards and conditions, not all of them easily foreseeable, which could result in loss, damage, expense, or injury including death. These conditions may include, but are not limited to steep and uneven terrain, changeable weather conditions including heat, cold and wetness, remoteness from normal medical services, evacuation difficulties, animal and plant life, fire and cooking activities. I understand that the teachers at Woods approach each activity with care and planning. While the program is underway, they will endeavor to instruct, protect and care for the well being of my dependent as would I in their place, including making decisions regarding the medical care of my dependent.

I am aware that there are risks involved in this program, and have decided that I am prepared to allow my dependent to participate in both the program, and all activities involved in the program.

I have read this agreement at my leisure, and have understood its nature and its contents. Please allow my dependent to participate the program.

My dependent's participation in such activities may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability; these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or agents of Woods Forest School , the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, teacher decision making, including that a teacher may misjudge terrain, weather, and such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities that take place in a wilderness, outdoor or recreational environment; and by my dependent's participation in these activities, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, volunteers, or employees of Woods Forest School, or by any other person.

I, on behalf of myself and my dependent, hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Woods Forest School and its owners, agents, volunteers, and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging, and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the owners, volunteers, officers or employees of Woods Forest School.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT, DO AGREE, IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE WOODS FOREST SCHOOL AND ITS OWNERS, VOLUNTEERS, AGENTS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE