

Agreement to Participate

In consideration for my or my child being permitted to participate in activities at Tempel Hills and/or Pilgrim Hills Ohio Conference UCC Camp, I (we), parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of _____, agree to the following provisions:

Acknowledgment

I understand that there are numerous risks and benefits associated with participation in camping activities, including horseback riding, hiking, backpacking, outdoor camping including cooking over a campfire, fire centered activities, water crafts, low initiatives/action challenge activities, crafts, and in some cases, transportation to and from camp activities. I recognize that accidents occur and that all risks cannot be eliminated or controlled. Some, but not all, of the specific risks include:

- ❖ Weather conditions which may change rapidly and unpredictably, causing injury directly (sunburn, hot/cold temperature extremes) or by affecting other factors (performance of equipment may be impaired).
- ❖ Equipment used in the activity may break, fail, or malfunction despite reasonable maintenance and use. Some equipment may cause injury even when used as intended. Persons using equipment may lose control of such equipment and cause injury to themselves and others.
- ❖ Some activities take place in a natural environment, where unexpected and unmarked objects and conditions create risks of injury or death from falling, tripping, etc., insect or animal contact, and potentially harmful vegetation.
- ❖ Activities in or near water involve risks of injury, illness, and drowning. This includes lakes, ponds, rivers, and other bodies of water which present risks of water movement, subsurface conditions, cold water temperatures, water impurities, and the like. In some situations there is also the risk of falling from or being struck by a water craft.
- ❖ Motor vehicle accidents may occur in the course of transporting camp participants to/from other locations or in an emergency. [Only certain summer programs include vehicle transportation. This will be noted in your camp director's letter.]

These are some but not all of the risks inherent in camping activities. There are also some risks which cannot be anticipated. Counselors, directors and site staff will use their best judgment in determining how to react to circumstances including the aforementioned and other unpredictable, natural phenomena.

Special Requirements

Each participant should provide satisfactory cold weather/survival clothing, including closed-toed shoes. The Camp does not provide and assumes no responsibility for personal clothing, personal camping gear and the like, and/or injury arising from the participants lack of use, or misuse of the gear.

There are no physical, emotional, or mental problems or limitations associated with my or my child's participation in camp activities, except as disclosed by me in writing on the health care form.

The physical rigors involved require that each participant be of sound health considering the activities involved and that acceptable certification of participation be provided by parents/guardians. A physician's certificate is strongly encouraged.

Release Provision

I, on behalf of myself and/or my child, hereby release and waive any claim of liability against Ohio Conference UCC Outdoor Ministries, its agents, employees, officers, directors, successors and assigns with respect to any injury, illness, damage or death, occurring to me or my child while I/he/she participate(s) in any and all activities that are related to me or my child's participation. I assume all risk of injury on behalf of my child or myself.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Ohio Conference UCC Outdoor Ministries, its agents, employees, officers, directors, successors and assigns, with respect to any claim asserted by or on behalf of my child as a result of injury, illness, damage, or death.

Photographs and/or video representations of you or your child are taken for the express purpose of telling stories about the church camp experience and promoting camping experiences in the future.

Expectations of Campers

Each Participant (adult or child) is:

- ❖ expected to obey the leader or supervisor assigned,
- ❖ expected to obey all posted rules and regulations,
- ❖ expected to assist by informing/alerting the group leader(s) to situations which may cause injury to themselves and other participants.

Consent and Signatory Acknowledgments

Camper (Adults or Minors) or Volunteer — Acknowledgment of personal responsibility:

I have read (and, if a minor, my parents have explained) the terms of this agreement, and I agree to abide by the terms of the Agreement and recognize my personal responsibility for my conduct.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Signature required. Failure to sign would void registration.)

Parents or Guardians (of Minors), Adult Campers and Volunteers:

I have read and fully understand the terms of this Agreement (and if applicable, explained its terms to my child). I give my permission for my child to participate in all camp activities, including those described.

In my absence or inability to communicate with emergency and hospital personnel, I hereby grant authority to release, for the purpose of providing medical treatment, myself/my child to the care of medical personnel or physicians as the Camp determines as reasonably appropriate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Individual adult (for self), custodial parents or guardians (for minors) must sign this form.