

PARTICIPANT/GUARDIAN WAIVER FORM

School _____

Please read this document carefully. It must be signed by all Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School Participants.

Since the participant is a minor, at least one parent or guardian must also sign as evidence of their agreement to these terms and conditions on their own behalf and on behalf of the minor.

1. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School program operated by Mount Hermon Association, Inc. which can be a physically demanding and/or challenging program. Students may participate in standard Outdoor Science School activities with manageable medical conditions. However, if I am participating in the Redwood Canopy Tour Zip-line, I do not have any medical conditions which might create an unsafe risk to myself or others who are participating in this activity with me.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

I understand that the Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School at Mount Hermon may expose participants to certain risks. The activities require moderate physical exertion and may be conducted at heights up to 150 feet (Redwood Canopy Tour Zip-line). Among the hazards and risks of the activities and use of the premises and equipment are the following: falls; collisions; abrupt and possibly harmful contact with structures, objects and persons; anxieties and fears associated with heights; close contact with other people; coordination and misjudgments on the part of participants; the failure of structures or equipment; and the unpredictable forces of nature. Participants may experience increased heart rate and other symptoms of anxiety and stress due to physical exertion, reliance on other participants, a fear of height, or of unprotected falling, loss of balance, coordination and misjudgments, including failure to follow procedures and instructions, physical or mental or psychological stress, fatigue, chill and /or dizziness which may diminish reaction time and increase the risk of an accident. Injuries associated with participation may include breaks, sprains, bruises, and in extreme cases, emotional upset, anxiety and even death. Participants acknowledge that the description of risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness or death. Participants acknowledge that this program is purely voluntary, and with full knowledge of the inherent risks of the activities.

3. ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I understand that participation in the Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School entails certain risks. I am voluntarily participating in this program with knowledge of the risks involved. I hereby accept any and all risks of injury or death to myself or any minor children for which I am responsible, arising out of or in any way connected with the use of the program, the Mount Hermon Adventure facilities, and/or one of affiliated organizations of Mount Hermon Association, Inc.

4. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

As consideration for being permitted to participate in the Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, and/or as the parent/guardian of a minor participant, will release and hold harmless and not bring any claim or legal suit against Mount Hermon Association, Inc., its directors, managers, officers, agents, employees and volunteers or its affiliated organizations or the supplier of any of the equipment used in the activity ("Released Parties"), for any and all claims of injury, disability, death or other loss or damage to person or property suffered by me or my minor child arising in whole or in part from participation in this program, both foreseeable or unforeseeable.

In addition, I agree **TO INDEMNIFY** (that is, defend and satisfy by payment or reimbursement, including costs and attorney's fees) Released Parties from any claim of loss, injury or death, brought on by myself or my child against another co-participant. These agreements of release and indemnity include loss or damage caused or claimed in whole or in part by the negligence of a Released Party, but not intentional wrongs or the gross negligence of a Released Party.

_____ (please initial) This student has permission to fill out a survey about his/her experience in nature. This is a voluntary survey and the student may stop at any time. The information from the survey is confidential and anonymous.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM AND PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY IN WHICH I AM GIVING UP IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND MOUNT HERMON ASSOCIATION, INC. AND/ OR ITS AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Print Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
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Student Participant Name	Signature	Date
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