

INFORMED CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

To be completed for participants under the age of 19.

This *Informed Consent and Acknowledgment of Risk* form is an agreement between the custodial parent/guardian of the youth participant named below, the youth participant and Strathcona Park Lodge Ltd. (SPL). The intent of this form is to inform you of the activities and expectations of our programs so that the choice to participate in any SPL program is made freely and with understanding of the associated benefits, risks and responsibilities. Please discuss this with your child and have them initial and sign with you to show that they choose to participate.

This is not a waiver and signing this form DOES NOT waive your child's legal rights.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME: _____

BENEFITS & RISKS

The activities offered at Strathcona Park Lodge are designed to pose appropriate challenges for participants. The enjoyment and educational benefit derived from outdoor activities is, in part, a result of risks inherent in these activities. The benefits of participation include developing self-confidence, leadership, teamwork and interpersonal skills, exposure to outdoor recreation activities, and nature education. While SPL strives to manage risk, it is neither possible nor desirable to eliminate all risk.

- SPL offers outdoor activities which include, but are not limited to: whitewater, flat water and ocean canoeing and kayaking; high and low ropes courses; zip lines; rock climbing; tree climbing; hiking; nature study; snow shoeing; caving; mountaineering; swimming; motor boating; sailing; backcountry camping, use of camp stoves and campfires; mountain biking; instructional courses; transportation; food & beverage; water supply; rescue & first aid services; and accommodation.
- Outdoor activities include inherent risks that may be different or greater than those risks normally assumed at home, work or school. These risks include but are not limited to: exposure to inclement weather, slipping, falling from a height, insect or animal bites, being struck by falling objects, immersion in cold water, hypothermia (cold exposure), hyperthermia (heat exposure), uneven terrain, stream crossings, travel on active logging roads, social or economic losses, loss or damage of personal property, injury, permanent disability, or fatality.
- Communication and emergency response times may be significantly longer than in urban settings.

WE UNDERSTAND

Parent Participant

PLEASE INITIAL



AGREEMENT

We understand and agree that participation in SPL activities requires the Participant to:

- Share the responsibility for the safety of their self and others during all activities.
- Follow all instructions and directions of SPL Instructors/Guides. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.
- Acknowledge the above risks and accept responsibility for damages and loss resulting from their participation.
- We may contact SPL in advance if I have questions about the risks described above or pertaining to any other aspect of the program. More information can also be found at www.strathcona.bc.ca.
- This Agreement will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.
- SPL respects the privacy of participants and will not identify individuals if using photographs or other images for educational, promotional or other purposes.

WE AGREE

Parent Participant

PARENT

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

PARTICIPANT

Participant's Printed Name

Participant's Signature

Date