

2017 RELEASE OF LIABILITY



Each West Ohio Conference United Methodist Camp ("Camp") offers a variety of services and voluntary activities designed to enrich the participant's experience. These services and voluntary activities may include, without limitation, employment, volunteer opportunities, the provision of food, lodging and transportation, as well as the sponsorship of challenging and educational activities often associated with camping and the outdoors, such as hiking, boating, swimming, campfires, fishing, ropes courses, horseback riding and the like. Program participants, such as employees, volunteers, campers and guests, may have the opportunity to participate in one or all of these activities.

While each Camp will endeavor to assure the safety of employees, volunteers, campers and guests, there are unavoidable risks of injury—and even death—associated with camping and its related services and activities. **Consequently, a properly executed Release of Liability is required before anyone may participate in a Camp program or activity.** Such a Release of Liability is set forth below. If you are a prospective participant under eighteen years of age, one of your parents or your legal guardian must print his or her name below and then sign and date the line designated Parent or Guardian of Minor. If you are a prospective participant eighteen years of age or older, you must print your name below and then sign and date the line designated Adult Participant. You are encouraged to consult an attorney if you have any questions about the meaning of this document. In addition, you are encouraged to contact The West Ohio Conference Camping office by phone at 1-800.437.0028 or e-mail to camps@wocumc.org if you have any questions about the services or activities provided at any Camp.

By signing below, I, _____ (print neatly the appropriate name as described above, either parent or guardian of minor participant, or participant age 18 and older) acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I have read and understand the risks summarized above;
- I understand that my participation in camp programs and activities and receipt of camp services is voluntary;
- In consideration of my participation in a West Ohio Conference United Methodist Camp(s) program or activity, I expressly assume the risks of such attendance. Further, for myself and on behalf of my executors, administrators and heirs, I release and hold The West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) I attend, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims or suits arising in any way from my attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) or participation in a related program or activity for injury to my person or property or my death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals;
or (as appropriate for minors);
- In consideration of my child's participation in a West Ohio Conference Camping & Retreat Ministry program or activity I, for myself and on behalf of my minor child and our executors, administrators and heirs, release and hold The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) my child attends, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims or suits arising in any way from my child's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) or participation in a related program or activity for injury to my child or his or her property or his or her death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals.

Parent or Guardian of Minor
(IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER AGE 18)

Date

Adult Participant
(IF PARTICIPANT IS AGE 18 OR OLDER)

Date

Printed Name of Participant: _____