

WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP

ADVENTURE EDUCATION EXPERIENCES

(For minors under 18, you and your parent/legal guardian must read and sign.)

General information:

This information is provided to introduce you and your son/daughter to the benefits, risks, and responsibilities associated with participation in all adventure programs. Please read the following carefully. If your son/daughter chooses to participate in the adventure education program at the Wisconsin Lions Camp, your signature (as parent/guardian) is required in the appropriate space on the back. This form must be turned in to your group leader before your son/daughter participates in the program.

What is an adventure education experience?

Adventure education is the purposeful use of activities in which there are real and perceived risks and where the outcomes are uncertain but can be influenced by the participants. The adventure education experience is founded upon the idea of learning by doing and its purpose is to give people opportunities to develop awareness and skills that lead to personal and group achievement.

What are the activities?

Adventure education experience programs are created from a combination of some or all of the following curriculum areas: trust building, team building, problem solving, and low and high challenge courses. The activities can be physically demanding and may include running, jumping, lifting, spotting others, and climbing to heights. The activities can be mentally, socially, and emotionally challenging as well. Participants will need to learn the skills and specific safety procedures associated with all activities including the proper use of safety equipment.

Do participants have choices?

The philosophy of adventure education is challenge by choice, which means that we believe maximum benefits and learning occur when challenges are freely chosen by the participants. The instructors will make every reasonable effort to teach the associated skills and safety procedures which help create a supportive environment where accepting challenges is encouraged but not pressured. A participant's responsibility is to make appropriate choices regarding participation in the activities based on their understanding of the benefits to be gained, risks involved and their fitness level.

What are the risks in participation?

The adventure education instructors are skilled and experienced and will make every reasonable effort to minimize exposure to known risks associated with the activities. However, they cannot guarantee total protection from all risks. Different program components carry different levels of potential risks that are not just limited to losses of a physical nature. The risks may be social or emotional in nature, as well. With regard to physical losses, it has been determined that participants in an adventure program have less injuries than do participants in school sports, recreation or physical education programs. This does not mean that injuries cannot and do not occur in adventure education experiences.

What are the participants' responsibilities?

Participants must be responsible for their own safety and for the safety of others. For this to happen, participants must learn and follow all safety rules and their leader's instructions. Participants must develop a questioning attitude and make their instructors aware at any point during an activity in which they question their knowledge of safety rules or their ability to participate.

(Required parent/guardian signature following page)

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Assumption of Responsibilities and Risks Participant Consent

Your signature below indicates that:

I _____ have read all the information presented on
(Please print parent/guardian name)

the preceding page. I understand and agree to accept the risks and responsibilities

associated with _____ participating in the Wisconsin
(Please print participant name)

Lions Camp program.

I understand that some components may involve strenuous physical activity and participation in all activities is voluntary.

In the unlikely event of any illness or injury, I give my consent to have the Wisconsin Lions Camp administer first aid and to secure professional medical services as needed.

Furthermore, I hereby release and hold harmless the Wisconsin Lions Camp, operated by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc., its employees, agents, and volunteers from liability for any damages, injuries or losses which may occur while participating in this program, or which may occur by omission or commission of acts by said employees or volunteers, gross neglect or intentional misconduct alone being excepted.

I have read, understand, and agree to follow all of the rules described in the preceding page and above paragraphs.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

**Wisconsin Lions Camp
Youth Hold Harmless and Participation Agreement**

I have read and understand the facility use rules of the Wisconsin Lions Camp as indicated on the Facility Rules and Procedures handout presented to me. My child agrees to abide by the facility use rules as indicated while in attendance at the Wisconsin Lions Camp.

I fully understand that after reasonable precautions are taken, there are certain hazards connected with camping. I release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc., and its Directors, Agents and Employees from liability connected with any claimed injury or death due to accidents or situations otherwise occurring to my child in the use of any natural areas or man-made facilities of the Wisconsin Lions Camp or for any other reason.

I also grant permission to use photographs of my child in any publication or publicity authorized by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Witness

Date