



# Participation and Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement



RA Camporee at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center (LVBCC)

A Ministry of TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING: By signing this form, you give up important legal rights including the right to sue. Please read carefully.**

**Disclaimer:** The Tennessee Baptist Convention and Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives (hereafter referred to as "the Convention") are not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage sustained by any person while participating in the Activity, which might be caused by the negligence of the Convention.

**Assumption of Risks:** In consideration of my being permitted, or my child being permitted, to participate in the Activity, I acknowledge that I am aware of the possible risks, dangers, and hazards associated with participation in the Activity, including the possible **risk of severe or fatal injury**.

These risks include, but are not limited to, the following and those described below related to specific Activities:

- a) The risks associated with travel to and from the Activity and between locations during the Activity;
- b) The possibility of bodily injury including broken bones, soft tissue damage, emotional distress, **and even death** while participating in the Activity;
- c) The hazards of being in a wilderness-type setting, distant from physician and hospital care.

**Indemnification and Release of Liability:** In return for the Convention's allowing me or my child to voluntarily participate in the Activity, I agree:

1. **To assume and accept all risks** arising out of, associated with, or related to participating in the Activity, even though such risks may have been caused by the Convention.
2. **To be solely responsible for any injury, loss, or damage**, which I or my child might sustain while participating in the Activity, even though such injury, loss, or damage may have been caused by the negligence of the Convention.

**Permission to photograph:** Further, I do hereby give the Convention and parties designated by them, including clients, licenses, purchasers, agents, publishers, and periodicals, the irrevocable right to use my name and my child's name and/or photograph for sale and reproduction in any print or electronic medium for purposes of advertising, trade, display, exhibition, competition, or editorial use pertaining to ministries, activities, or events of the Convention.

**Challenge-by-Choice:**

Participation in any event is entirely voluntary. A participant may decline to continue participation at any time. The following activities are designed to build the individual's self-esteem and confidence. Participants are encouraged in a "Challenge-by-Choice" atmosphere and should not feel pressured to participate in any way. Participants may withdraw from the activities at any time.

**ACTIVITIES: (initial your choice of participation beside each activity; failure to make a choice is deemed a "No.")**

**Yes**  **No**      **Hiking Trails (including Night Hike)**

**Minimum requirements:** Good physical condition and ability to maneuver over, around and through rugged terrain, and traverse steep inclines.

**Risks:** Physical exertion, twisted ankles and other joints, wild animals, poisonous and non-poisonous snakes, spiders, insects, etc.

**Description:** Trail system covers relatively rugged terrain. Some trails may have vehicle traffic as well. As you traverse several ridges that take you to a water fall or the rustic camp you should be aware that: (1) You are in the woods and could be far from road access; (2) You are in someone else's home, i.e., insects (some poisonous), birds, snakes (some poisonous), and many other wild animals that like to be left alone; (3) Trails are maintained (but are relatively unimproved), with natural rocks, roots, trees, etc. (which could cause injury) left in place; (4) Weather in the region is unpredictable and may change suddenly. Hikers should plan ahead and prepare, follow all signs, stay on the trail, take water, proper clothing and shoes, hike with no less than one other person and let someone know where you are going. Night Hike covers approximately 100 yards using flashlights.

**Yes**  **No**      **Paintball Target Practice**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions.

**Risks:** Abrasions and eye injuries from being accidentally shot with a paintball.

**Description:** Participants will stand in a straight line parallel to the targets. Upon command from the course manager, they will use markers (special equipment designed to propel paintball towards target) to shoot paintball at stationary targets 25-30 feet away. At no time do participants shoot at each other. On a command from the course manager, all shooting is stopped and markers are laid on down facing the target range.

**Yes**  **No**      **Archery**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions.

**Risks:** Serious injury, including permanent disability, loss of eyesight, paralysis and death.

**Description:** Participants are to stand in a straight line parallel to the targets and upon command from the course manager, they use solid recurve bows to shoot arrows at stationary targets 25-30 feet away. On command from the course manager, all shooting is to stop and any remaining arrows are to be placed on the ground.

**Yes**  **No**      **Fishing/Wading**

**Minimum requirements:** An adult must be present with anyone under 16 years of age. Sturdy tennis or water shoes, average physical condition and must wear a safety flotation device though the entire activity. Fishing poles and tackle are not provided. License is required for anyone 16 years of age and above.

**Risks:** Drowning, head injuries, snake bite (some poisonous), scrapes and bruises from rocks, trees, being pierced by a fish hook, insect bites other participants.

**Description:** Stand on bank or wade in shallow water, cast lines, bait hooks and handle fish. All participants are required to wear a life jacket during the entire activity.

**Yes**  **No**      **The Odyssey High Ropes Course**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 12 years of age to participate on the course. In addition, participants must have the physical stature required to fit safely in the harness equipment. There is a 250 lb. maximum weight limit.

**Risks:** The course may aggravate certain medical conditions and individuals with a history of or inclination for certain medical conditions should consider carefully the potential dangers to themselves if they choose to participate in the course. It is strongly recommended that you consult with your physician about your particular situation. Included in the medical conditions of concern are:

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| heart attack | chest pain/pressure | high blood pressure | asthma    | stroke    | knee/ankle problems    |
| diabetes     | seizures            | major surgery       | pregnancy | allergies | back/neck/arm problems |

**Description:** This course is a high ropes adventure course that challenges the participant to traverse a series of cables strung between 50' tall towers. Participants work in a team of 2 to 4 people to successfully traverse the course and overcome obstacles in the course design. This course teaches self-confidence, trust, problem-solving and team work. Each participant is to wear a harness and is tethered by a static rope to safety cables.

**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Zip Line**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 12 years of age to participate on the course. In addition, participants must have the physical stature required to fit safely in the harness equipment. There is a maximum 250 lb. weight limit.

**Risks:** Physical exertion in climbing up cargo net, bounce and jolt to body stepping off of platform, lower joint and back pains from climbing, and anxiety from heights or speed from free fall. Individuals suffering from fear of heights should carefully review and consider the impact of this experience. It is strongly recommended that you consult with your physician about your particular situation. Included in the medical conditions of concern are:

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| heart attack | chest pain/pressure | high blood pressure | asthma    | stroke    | knee/ankle problems    |
| diabetes     | seizures            | major surgery       | pregnancy | allergies | back/neck/arm problems |

**Description:** A 620-foot ride suspended from a cable. Participants are to climb a cargo net to a platform. They will be connected by trained staff to the cable using a pulley and harness system to ensure safety. Two participants ride parallel cables six feet apart from a wooded area into an open field where trained staff will meet them to disconnect the harness and pulley. You will begin 30 feet off the ground and end the Zip Line 12 feet off the ground.

**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Obstacle Course**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions. Participants must have the physical stature required to traverse the various obstacles. There is a maximum 250 lb. weight limit.

**Risks:** Physical exertion in climbing, running, pulling, and slipping. Trips and falls can result in broken bones, abrasions, twisted limbs, cuts, scrapes, bruises, and pulled muscles.

**Description:** The course requires participant to pull a log, climb over a four-foot A-frame cargo net, traverse horizontal cargo net, climb over a four-foot wall (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) or six-foot wall (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders), traverse a four-foot high balance beam and step through spider web of ropes.

**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No BB – Gun Course**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions.

**Risks:** Serious injury, including permanent disability, loss of eyesight, paralysis and death.

**Description:** Participants are to stand in a straight line parallel to the targets and upon command from the course manager, they use 177 caliber air rifles at stationary targets 25 feet away. Safety goggles are required. On command from the course manager, all shooting is to stop and guns are to be put down.

**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Tomahawk Throw**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions.

**Risks:** Serious injury, including permanent disability, loss of limbs, fingers or toes, paralysis and death.

**Description:** Participants are instructed on proper technique to throw a small tomahawk (hatchet) towards a target in a controlled area.

**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Camp Craft Challenges**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions.

**Risks:** Abrasions, bruises, cuts, scrapes, burns, and other injuries common to camping or campfire type activities.

**Description:** Participants will tie knots in ropes, build a small fire, light the fire and then feed the fire in order to bring water to a boil in a timed activity, pull a log, navigate a small course utilizing a compass and directions, and saw a landscape timber secured on saw-horses using a cross cut saw.

**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Inflatable Obstacles**

**Minimum requirements:** At least 6 years of age and able to follow basic instructions.

**Risks:** Abrasions, bumps, bruises, cuts, broken bones, scrapes, burns and other injuries. Also, possible concussions resulting from bumping into others.

**Description:** Inflatable obstacle course is monitored by third-party owner and provides opportunity to run through maze of air-filled heavy plastic obstacles, climb air-filled ladder, and slide down.

**Acceptance of Medical Expenses:** I understand that I have purchased through TBMB, by means of the Activity fee, a limited accident and illness insurance policy. This policy may pay a limited portion of medical expense, with certain exceptions, for medical treatment required by the camper on this form resulting from participation in this event. Pre-existing and self-inflicted injuries are not covered by this policy. Furthermore, I agree to pay any and all medical expenses incurred, not covered by this policy and acknowledge that my medical, health and liability insurance coverage is considered primary after the initial coverage mentioned herein.

**Have you reached 18 years of age?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If **NO**, executed **Minor Participant – Parental Authorization** (below) required.

**Signature:** By signing, I affirm I have read this release, understand, and agree to its terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Minor Participant – Parental Authorization:**

As parents or legal guardians of the individual named above, we have read this release and understand the nature of the activity in which this minor has chosen to participate. We give our permission for the minor listed to participate in the chosen activities and agree to the Release and Assumption of Risk provisions as herein stated. We accept all medical, health and/or liability expenses which may arise from the minor's involvement in the activity. We hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as our attorney-in-fact and vest any of them with authority to authorize any necessary medical treatment for the minor.

By the date of the Activity, the minor is or will be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

**Signature of Father:** X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Sole Legal Custody Emergency Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: X \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Mother:** X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Sole Legal Custody Emergency Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: X \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOTH** parents must sign unless only one parent or guardian has legal custody. If so, please check box under signature above.