

**DUNN OUTDOOR EDUCATION  
PARTICIPANT’S PERMISSION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
RISK AND RELEASE**

Name of Student (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

This document grants permission for the student named above (“the Student”) to participate in the Dunn Outdoor Education program (“the Program”), discloses the risks inherent with the Program, and includes a release of liability to Dunn School and those who supervise the Program. The Student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) (collectively the “Undersigned”) have read the description of the Program, in the Parents’ Handbook. Dunn School believes it is important for the Undersigned to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks of the Program.

**PERMISSION**

As parent(s) or guardian, I/we hereby give my child full and unequivocal permission to participate in the Program and the activities described below for as long as my child is a student at Dunn School. On behalf of the Student, I/we recognize and accept the risks and hazards detailed below, and permission to participate is given with full knowledge and acceptance of these risks.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

The Undersigned acknowledge that Dunn School has informed them certain hazards and risks are inherent in each Outdoor Education activity (“the Activities”) and cannot be eliminated without destroying their unique character. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of the Program but can be the cause of destruction, loss or damage to equipment or other personal property, or personal injury, illness, suffering, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death.

The Activities will take place in a wilderness environment and may include: rock climbing, rappelling, bouldering, hiking, backpacking, swimming in rivers and lakes, whitewater rafting and kayaking, sea kayaking, and camping in remote areas and in developed and undeveloped campgrounds in rural and wilderness areas, and other activities similar in character to those described. The Activities also includes transportation, sometimes at night, to and from Dunn School. The Student may spend several nights outdoors. In addition to the hazards and risks previously described, the hazards and risks of the Activities may also include, but are not limited to, the following: latent or apparent defects or problems in equipment provided by Dunn School or outside service providers, acts of other participants in this Activities (including from the failure of other participants to follow instructions or obey safety regulations), weather conditions (including unforeseen, inclement or intemperate weather), consumption of food and drink, fire, first aid, emergency treatment, or other services rendered. Further, Dunn School will not have medical personnel (other than Wilderness First Responder certified instructors) at the location of the Activities or at Dunn School.

The Undersigned acknowledges that engaging in these Activities may require a degree of skill and knowledge different than other activities of Dunn School, and further acknowledges that the Student has responsibilities as a participant. The signature of the Student below acknowledges the risks, and that the Student fully understands the rules of the Program and the Activities.

The Undersigned certify that the Student is fully capable of participating in the Activities. The Undersigned represent that the Student is in good health and physically fit and has not been advised by a physician not to participate in arduous physical activities. The Undersigned knows of no reason, health-related or otherwise, why the Student is not capable of participating in the Activities. The Undersigned accept full responsibility for any injuries or illnesses that the applicant may suffer during the trips, including, but not limited to, those resulting from any pre-existing medical condition.

The Undersigned acknowledge that they have read the clothing and equipment list provided by Dunn School, and accept full responsibility for the consequences to the Student of inadequate clothing or equipment, and for clothing and equipment which they fail to provide.

The Undersigned fully understand and appreciate the risk of injury, illness, property loss or theft, and even death, inherent in the Activities. It is further understood that unforeseen circumstances may arise for which Dunn School shall not be held responsible.

The Undersigned acknowledge that the staff of Dunn School have been available to more fully explain the nature and physical demands of this Activities and the inherent risks, hazards and dangers associated with them.

**RELEASE**

Therefore, in consideration of being permitted to participate in these activities, the Undersigned assumes all risks and accepts full responsibility surrounding the Student's participation in the activities, the transportation related to the trip and any activities undertaken, and approves and accepts the following release:

EACH OF US VOLUNTARILY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, WAIVES, AND RELINQUISHES ALL CLAIMS OR ACTIONS THAT EACH OF US MAY HAVE AGAINST DUNN SCHOOL, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR BODILY INJURY, EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR WRONGFUL DEATH OCCURRING TO THE STUDENT, ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE PROGRAM AND THE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF ANY NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF DUNN, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THIS AGREEMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE DUNN SCHOOL, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS, FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE.”

The Undersigned have carefully read, clearly understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this Participant's Permission, Acknowledgment of Risk and Release shall be effective and binding upon each of the Undersigned, our respective heirs, assigns, personal representatives, estates and all members of the Student's family.

The terms of this document are effective immediately, and shall continue in effect from year to year, while the Student remains enrolled at Dunn School, unless revoked in writing and delivered to the Dunn School.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_