

**Washington Adventist University**

**Youth Camp Release of Liability and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment**

THIS Youth Camp Release of Liability and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment (“Release”) executed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, a minor (the “Participant”) and \_\_\_\_\_, the parent and/or legal guardian (the “Guardian”) of the Participant in favor of Washington Adventist University (“WAU”), its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and agents.

WHEREAS Participant and Guardian desire that Participant engage in events and activities at a youth camp located at WAU or affiliated with WAU;

WHEREAS the Participant and Guardian understand that these events and activities may include situations that may pose a risk of harm and could result in injury and/or death to the Participant; and

WHEREAS in consideration of the benefits derived from Participant’s being permitted to fully engage in the youth camp’s events and activities, and after carefully reviewing those risks involved, Participant and Guardian on behalf of themselves, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress execute this Release under the following terms:

1. Participant and Guardian do hereby release and forever waive, discharge, covenant not to sue and otherwise hold harmless WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and agents and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which may hereafter arise from Participant’s activities with the youth camp. Participant and Guardian understand that this Release discharges WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and agents and its successors and assigns from any liability or claim that the Participant and/or Guardian may have against WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and agents and its successors and assigns with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from i) Participant’s involvement in any of the events or activities conducted by or for the benefit of the WAU youth camp, and ii) Participant’s activities while on the premises of WAU, or while using WAU-owned or operated facilities or equipment, or iii) at a WAU-affiliated event off campus, whether or not the bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage arose as a result of the negligence of WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and/or agents. Participant and Guardian also assume the risk of all such injuries, it being understood that youth camp activities are not free from risk and that such activities may pose a potential for harm. Participant and Guardian also understand that WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and agents and its successors and assigns do not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

2. This waiver, indemnification and release agreement also applies to any activity or action that takes place while Participant and/or Guardian are being transported to a youth camp at WAU and is in effect at any time that Guardian or Participant is present on campus or in any location associated with WAU.
3. The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Maryland and that, if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
4. Medical Treatment/Emergency Release: Guardian grants to WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and/or agents full authority to take whatever action they feel is warranted under the circumstances regarding the Participant's health and safety. This authority will permit WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and/or agents at their discretion, in the event of injury or illness, to secure any necessary treatment for the Participant for medical services, including hospitalization, injections, anesthesia or surgery and such medications as may be prescribed. Guardian further authorizes WAU to place the Participant in the hands of a health care provider and to transport the Participant, at Guardian's expense, to any medical facility and to transport Participant, at Guardian's expense, back to the program's primary site if this is deemed necessary. Guardian and participant agree to hold WAU, its Board, officers, employees, students, volunteers, and/or agents harmless for any decisions or actions taken in relation to obtaining medical care for Participant.
5. Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement: Guardian has read this Release, and fully understand its terms, and understands that he/she is giving up substantial rights, including his/her right to sue. Guardian acknowledges that he/she is signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intends by his/her signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Parent/Guardian Information

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

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Parent/Guardian may be reached during youth camp

Participant Information

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

Print Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_