Camper Name _____

Camp Sangamon

Assumption of Risk/Responsibility, Permission to Participate – For Parents & Campers

Many of the activity areas at Camp Sangamon entail some degree of risk beyond what campers normally encounter in their lives at school and at home. Sangamon does its best to minimize that risk wherever possible by purchasing and maintaining good equipment and hiring well-trained and experienced staff. We take seriously our compliance with American Camping Association Accreditation Standards. We maintain a low camper staff ratio in camp. Out-of-camp trips are supervised by a leader who is trained and experienced at the level necessary for that trip. Trip leaders are trained in First Aid and CPR, and all swimming trips include a Red Cross Lifeguard. And while our best efforts to anticipate and prevent accident and illness reduce this risk, the potential for serious injury does exist.

Activities such as individual and team sports, and large and small group games, rock-climbing, and use of high and low ropes courses involve risk of physical injury. There is risk inherent in swimming and in travel by canoe, kayak, sailboat, and on bicycles and horses, both at camp and in remote settings. Most of our trips involve auto transportation, which carries its own levels of risk. There is some risk in crafts activities, all of which involve working with tools. The farm and horse-riding activities involve working with animals – horses, cows, chickens, sheep, pigs, and other farm animals, and also involve some risk.

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As a **parent of a camper** in Sangamon's program:

I hereby acknowledge that risk exists in most portions of the camp program. I authorize my child to participate, at a level appropriate to his skill and experience, in all the activities listed in the printed materials, and in those similar and related games and events and trips which may occur but are not specifically named. I understand that trips and overnights will be out of contact with the camp, and in the event of injury or severe illness, we depend on the emergency training of our staff. I also understand that because Sangamon wishes to teach independence and to maintain the integrity of the outdoor experience, and because cell phones often do not work in Vermont's mountain environment, leaders will not depend on cell phones for emergency help, and only long-distance trips will carry them. I understand that special programs like rock climbing will be conducted by professional guides under contract with the camp and may require a separate signed release/waiver for my child's participation.

I understand that, despite safety precautions, Camp Sangamon cannot guarantee that my child/ward will not be injured. My child/ward and I are willing to assume these risks. I have instructed my child/ward to obey all the rules, regulations, and instructions of Camp Sangamon. I understand that if I have questions about possible hazards, it is my responsibility to seek additional information from Camp Sangamon before signing this form. I understand that camp will be providing meals for my child, and it is my responsibility to provide camp with any food allergy information prior to attending.

In consideration for permitting me/my child/ward to participate in the Camp Sangamon program, I voluntarily agree, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, to the following:

1. To assume full responsibility for any risks or loss, sickness or diseases including without limit COVID-19, personal injury, including death that may be sustained by me/my child/ward, or any loss or damage to property owned by me/my child/ward, as a result of participating in the Camp Sangamon program.

2. To release, waive, hold harmless, discharge and agree not to sue the person(s) or entity responsible for administering Camp Sangamon, or its employees, agents and staff from any and all liability, claims, actions, demands, expenses, attorneys fees, breach of contract actions, breach of statutory duty, or other duty of care, warranty, strict liability actions, and causes of action whatsoever, that I might now have or may acquire in the future, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my ward/child or to any property belonging to me or my ward/child while participating in the Camp Sangamon program.

Parents/guardian signature_____**Date**_____

As a **camper participant** in Sangamon's program,

I agree to abide by the rules and requirements set forth for the daily program and facilities at camp, as well as any requirements specific to a trip or activity. I understand that my personal safety is partly my own responsibility, and I hereby acknowledge and assume the responsibility for understanding and following the safety procedures for any activities, programs, and trips in which I'm involved.

Camper Signature _____Date_____

Please get both signatures. The form should arrive at camp with the camper.