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## 2024 Summer Camp Parent Handbook

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### Counselor-In-Training (CIT) (Grades 7-9)

Welcome to Summer Camp 2024 at River Trails Park District! At River Trails, we're all working together to achieve a common goal: to responsibly enrich the lives of our diverse community.

A new and exciting summer has been planned with weeks of recreational fun, games, on-site entertainment, field trips, swimming, and themed activities. River Trails is committed to providing a safe and structured environment that encourages personal growth and development, while having fun. It's a place where new and challenging adventures are undertaken with guidance and encouragement. This parent handbook has been developed to provide you with summer camp information along with our policies and procedures. Please read over the handbook carefully. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Camp Administrative Staff.

#### **Camp Administrative Staff:**

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#### **Family Night**

Family Night for all summer campers and their families will be hosted on Thursday, June 6 2024. Family Night is an opportunity for parents to meet the counselors and participate in fun activities. You will receive more details in the camp newsletter sent home prior to the first week of the session.

#### **Location**

Camp days will begin and end at Woodland Trails Park, 1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect.

#### **Dates**

Session 1 – June 10 – June 28 (3 weeks)  
Session 2 – July 1 – July 19 (3 weeks)  
Session 3 – July 22- August 9 (3 weeks)

#### **Times**

8:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Camp: {M, W, F}

Campers in Before Care\* and/or Swim Lessons\* will be walked over after the conclusion of each activity by a Camp Counselor or Supervisor to the camp location. Campers in After Care\* and/or Tag On\* programs will be walked back after the conclusion of camp each day by a Camp Counselor or Supervisor to the Weiss Center and placed in the correct After Camp activity.

*\*Additional fees apply. Please register for these separately.*

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## **Communication**

Newsletters and field trip information will be made available in the camp section of our webpage inside the Virtual backpack at [www.rtpd.org](http://www.rtpd.org) and distributed before each session.

### **VIRTUAL BACKPACK**

Click on the backpack to  
see all Summer Camps  
Downloads



## **Attendance**

If you are sick and will not be able to come to work, the CIT (not the parent) must call the Recreation Supervisor at (847) 463-3711 and leave a message. That information will then be confirmed with the counselor and CIT site supervisor.

## **Dress Code**

Proper attire must be worn at all times. Each CIT will be issued a CIT shirt that needs to be worn on Wednesday and Friday at their designated camp site. CIT's are expected to wear shorts or pants that are neat, clean, and not revealing. Gym shoes are required and on swim days, one-piece bathing suits must be worn. **NO YOGA PANTS. NO TWO PIECE SWIM SUITS.**

## **What to Bring**

Your child should bring a backpack to camp each day with the following items:

- Water Bottle
- Gym Shoes
- Lunch/Drink
- Snack
- Spray Sunscreen
- Swimwear & a towel every day!
- Camp T-Shirt on Trip Days
- a Positive Attitude!

## **Procedures for Arrival & Departure**

### **MONDAYS**

- All CIT's will need to be dropped off at the Weiss Community Center, 1500 E Euclid Ave, Mt. Prospect, IL at 8:30am. Their Mondays will consist of spending time with their camp supervisor and learning the ins and outs of what it takes to be a successful camp counselor. This will entail spending time in the classroom and observing a variety of camp situations at a variety of camp sites. All CIT's need to be picked up at the Weiss Community Center at the end of their day at 3:00 pm.

### **WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

- All CIT's will need to be dropped off at the *Weiss Community Center*, 1500 E Euclid Ave, Mt. Prospect, IL at 8:30am. CIT's will need to report to their Camp Supervisor upon drop-off. All CIT's will be assigned a camp site as well as a

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camp counselor. The camp counselor as well as the CIT site supervisor will be responsible for observing, guiding and teaching the CIT within that group.

### **Responsibilities**

When CIT's are with their assigned camp group, they are responsible for assisting the counselor with any or all activities that occur during the day. This can include washroom breaks, lunch breaks, etc. It should also be understood that the CIT is responsible for assisting in supervising the campers when they are at the pool or on a field trip.

### **Expectations and Behavioral Standards**

All CIT's are expected to lead by example and set the standard for proper behavior. ALL CIT's will be required to read, understand and accept/sign the attached BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS CONTRACT. On the first day of training, the CIT's will receive another contract that they will need to sign along with the parent/guardian.

### **Evaluations**

All the CIT's will be evaluated during camp and a formal evaluation of their performance will be made at the end of every session.

### **Walking/Biking to and from Summer Camp**

- All parents whose camper(s) are 8 years old and older who will be arriving at or leaving from camp unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or authorized representative of a parent/guardian **must complete the Release for Biking/Walking form**. Campers who arrive at or leave Camp unaccompanied by one of the authorized individuals will be required to sign themselves in and out of the Camp immediately upon arrival at and departure from Camp.
- Campers arriving to camp unaccompanied must arrive between 8:30 am and 8:45 am. Camp staff are not available for supervision before this time. After this time the camp may be doing activities in a location other than the check in location.
- Campers leaving Camp unaccompanied by one of the authorized individuals will only be allowed to leave camp at or near 3:00 pm, not at other times.
- Forms can be requested from Camp Administrative staff, the site supervisor, or found on the virtual backpack.
- Campers that ride bikes must lock them up at the outdoor bike rack in front of the Weiss Center. All bikes must be locked with the camper's own lock. The River Trails Park District is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged bicycles. Please give us a note giving your permission to have your child walk/ride their bike from camp each day

### **Hot Lunch Option**

You may choose to order a hot lunch for your camper one day or everyday. Lunches are made in the pool concession stand and delivered to the campers at lunch time. Orders are due one week before the desired lunch dates needed. **Forms will be available at the Weiss Community Center or online look for the virtual backpack.**

### **Cookouts**

We will have a cookout for lunch every Friday. This day may vary depending on field trips, so we will let your campers know on the Monday of each week. The park district will provide a hot dog for lunch which includes all the fixings of ketchup, mustard, and chips. We ask campers to bring their own drink. If your child does not like hot dogs, they are welcome to bring their own lunch that day or use the hot lunch option.

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### **Vending Machines & Concessions**

- Campers may use the vending machines at designated break times. Please send your camper with correct change or dollar bills as the pool and Weiss Center are unable to give change.
- Most days the Pool Concession stand will be open and campers may purchase items from them. They will be asked to consume their purchases in the designated eating area before returning to camp activities. We cannot guarantee that concessions will be open every day and require campers to still bring their sack lunch, water, and snack every day. Campers are responsible for holding and handling their own money. They are also responsible for purchasing food from concessions that do not conflict with any food allergies or medications. We are not responsible for overconsumption or lost money.

### **Field Trips**

- When the K-6th full day camp has an offsite field trips with their assigned camp on Wednesdays and Fridays the CIT will attend as well. Trips are not guaranteed.
- To ensure campers safety, children must wear their camp t-shirt on trips which will be handed out during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of camp.
- Only one t-shirt will be provided to a camper throughout the entire summer. An additional t-shirt can be purchased for \$5.
- Newsletters sent out through Community Pass the first week of each session will list date of field trip and other information.
- On occasion, the campers will be allowed to walk to local places (i.e. Dunkin Donuts, Burning Bush Trails Park, Randhurst, etc). Campers are responsible for purchasing their own snacks on all trips. We will communicate these side trips ahead of time.

### **Open Swim at Woodland Trails Pool**

Campers will swim on a variety of day, therefore swimwear and a towel should be brought every day in case of water games or additional trips to pool on hot days. Campers must apply their own sunscreen or can wear a clean white t-shirt while swimming.

### **Sunscreen**

Camp staff is not allowed to apply sunscreen lotion onto campers. We suggest that parents use/send spray on sunscreen and teach your camper to use it. Staff can help with spray when needed.

### **Allergies & Medication**

River Trails Park District is **not** a nut free environment. Children with a nut or other food allergies will be able to enjoy their snack at a designated nut free table. While we cannot restrict what other campers eat for snacks and lunch, efforts will be made to ensure the safety of your child in regard to food allergies. Please help us ensure the safety of children with allergies by sending your child with something nut free whenever possible.

If your camper has allergies or requires other medical accommodations, please be sure to state all information on your camp forms. If your camper uses an epi pen, inhaler, or needs medicine distributed during the day you must fill out the medical paperwork, Medication Dispensing Information form and submit it to the site supervisor with the medication. The medication must be clearly labeled with the child's name and prescription. The medication must be kept with the site director and NOT in your child's backpack. This includes self-administered medicines like inhalers.

### **Lost & Found**

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- A lost and found box will be kept in the lobby of the Weiss Community Center throughout the duration of summer camp.
- Items not claimed by the end of the session will be donated.
- Please do not wear or bring anything to camp that is valuable (including jewelry, DS's, iPads, tablets, cell phones, etc.). Please put your child's name on everything coming to camp.
- The River Trails Park District is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items.
- We ask each camper to bring a lunch in a reusable container and a water bottle every day. Eliminating paper cups can save hundreds of trees! Please write your camper's name on the water bottle & lunch container with a permanent marker.

### **Cell Phones**

Cell phones are a distraction at camp and will not be allowed during classroom or during activities. If your child has a cell phone it must be kept in a backpack at all times during camp hours and used during only approved times. Campers cannot make or receive phone calls or texts on their personal devices during the camp day. If your camper needs to contact you, they may ask their counselor or the Site Supervisor. If you need to contact your camper, please contact the Weiss Center office. River Trails Park District is NOT responsible for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones.

### **Code of Conduct**

All participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times while participating, spectating or attending any program or activity sponsored by River Trails Park District. This includes participation programs which may or may not require an admission fee, spectating at any athletic events, recitals, rental, facility usage and or attending special events. The following guidelines are designed to provide a safe and enjoyable activities for all participants.

Participants, spectators and or parent/guardian shall:

- Show respect to all participants, officials, program staff and supervisors
- Take direction from program staff and supervisors
- Refrain from using abusive, foul language or bullying of any kind
- Refrain from any and all remarks against an individual's race, ethnic background, religion, physical appearance, or disabling conditions, this will not be tolerated.
- Refrain from causing bodily harm or physical affection to self, other program participants, program staff & supervisors.
- Not bring in any weapons or items that may be used as weapons to any programs, parks or facilities.
- Refrain from damaging equipment, supplies, facilities and parks

Additional codes of conduct may apply for particular programs such as: day camps, adult athletic leagues. River Trails Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant, spectator and or parent/guardian for any inappropriate conduct.

### **TAX DEDUCTION INFORMATION**

Parents are asked to keep a tally of their camp payments for tax deduction information. The park district tax ID number can be obtained by calling the Weiss Center at 847.255.1200. You can get this online if you have set up an account. Please inquire at the Weiss Center.

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## Additional Programming Information

Program	Time	Day(s)
Before Camp	7:00 – 8:30 am	M, W, F or M-F
Camp Swim Lessons	8:00 – 8:45 am	M, W, F or M-F
Camp Tag-Ons	3:00 – Time Varies	M, W, F or T/TH
After Camp	3:00 – 6:00 pm	M, W, F or M-F
Rob Roy Jr. Golf Camp Leagues	10:00 – 1:00pm	M

*\*Please register for these programs separately. Additional fee applies.*

### Location

All additional program options will begin and end at Woodland Trails Park, 1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mt. Prospect.

### Before Camp

- Drop off time is 7:00 am. Please drive your camper to the designated drop off/pick up location where a supervisor will be attending to sign them in. At 8:30 am, a counselor will walk your camper over to their camp meeting location.
- If your camper is enrolled in both Before Camp and Camp Swim Lessons, a counselor will take your camper over to the pool by 8:00 am. They will then meet your camper after swim lessons and bring them to their camp meeting location at 8:45am.

### Camp Swim Lessons

- Our swim lesson program is designed around flexibility that allows each child to progress at their own pace rather than conforming to the peer group. Lessons are taught by qualified instructors who love to teach. We provide students with a safe, interactive, and fun environment.
- Day Camp swim lessons will be available from 8:00–8:45 am, Monday–Friday or MWF.
- If your camper is not enrolled in Before Camp, it will be your responsibility to get them to the pool for their 8:00 am lesson.
- When lessons are over, counselors will meet campers and walk them to their camp meeting location.
- Parents are invited to watch their camper from outside the pool fence.
- All campers will be tested on the first day of camp and placed in a swim level that accommodates their ability. (Non-Swimmer, Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced).

### Camp Tag-Ons (enrichment programs)

- Camp Tag-Ons will be held at various River Trails Park District locations starting at 3pm. Days and end times will vary depending on the Tag-On you have chosen.
- If a Tag-On is held off site, Camp Staff will provide transportation for a camper to the tag on

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- For campers not enrolled in our After Camp, transportation will be provided to the Tag On location, but campers must be picked up at the Tag On location after class.
- Lessons will be separated into skill level.

### **Rob Roy Jr. Golf League**

- A fun and friendly recreational league where we stress learning and developing golf skills while playing with friends in a relaxed and fun atmosphere on the golf course. The 1<sup>st</sup> day will include a clinic on skills and course etiquette. We will drive your child to and from the golf course. The league plays Mondays 10am- 1pm.
- Lunch and greens fees included.

### **After Camp**

At camp dismissal time, After Camp counselors will walk your camper to the shelter area north of the Weiss Center. After attendance is recorded, snack & drink will be provided and then the campers will have a choice of activities.

- Pick up
  - Look for the colored sign out along the parking lot to help you identify where your camper's pick up location will be. Campers must be signed out by an adult authorized to pick them up.
- Activities
  - Staff will offer choices of activities including sports, cooperative games, crafts, board games, etc. Some TV time and PG videos may be included on hot or rainy days.
- Swimming
  - After Camp will go swimming on Wednesday afternoons until 5:00 pm. Sometimes camp may not be able to swim due to home swim meets. Please look for the colored signs along the parking lot to identify where to pick up your child.
- Rainy Days
  - If it rains, activities will take place inside at the Weiss Community Center or The Zone.
- Snacks
  - A snack is provided in our After Camp program only. Each camper is asked to bring a water bottle to camp with their name on it. A drinking fountain is available to campers. Please help us refrain from using paper cups. If you wish, you may send a snack with your child.
- Late Pick up Fees
  - There will be a charge of \$1.00 per minute for each minute after 6:00 pm that a child is picked up late. If a parent is late, a counselor will stay with the child until 6:15 pm. Any camper not picked up by 6:15 pm will be taken into the Weiss Center and left under the care of Park District personnel. The number of late pick-ups will be closely monitored. If they become excessive, there is a possibility that your camper could be removed from the program.



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The River Trails Park District welcomes individuals with disabilities into programs. Please describe any accommodations needed for successful inclusion in the program(s).

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**For Future Payments Due**

I authorize the River Trails Park District to charge the listed credit card for remaining payments/balance(s) due for camp program(s).

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card  
\$20 MINIMUM CHARGE**

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax Deduction Information**

Parents are responsible for keeping a tally of their camp payments for tax deduction purposes. The park district tax ID number can be obtained from the Weiss Community Center at 847.255.1200.

**WAIVER & RELEASE**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The River Trails Park District is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The River Trails Park District continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for the listed programs/activities must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities/programs. You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

**WARNING OF RISK**

Recreational activities/programs are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational activity/program. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers and injuries due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreational activities/programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the River Trails Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the listed programs/activities, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program/activity (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided). I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in the listed programs/activities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the River Trails Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as "River Trails Park District"). I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the River Trails Park District from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the listed programs/activities. I have read and fully understand the above important, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, your on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN**

If participant is under 18 years old, parent must sign for them:



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### CAMPER EMERGENCY FORM

Please print clearly

Camper's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent's Last Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in fall \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact: NOT PARENT** (local friend/neighbor who can pick up child)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies? (Animals, foods, medications or plants) \_\_\_\_\_

Any health problems that would limit participation? (Asthma, nose bleeds, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

List all medications & times taken: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Additional forms needed if medication is taken during camp hours

Does your child have special needs that require accommodations or special assistance?

No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any conditions/behaviors we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's swim skills: \_\_\_\_ Non-swimmer \_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_ Advanced

After camp my child will \_\_\_\_ Walk home \_\_\_\_ Ride his/her bike home \_\_\_\_ Be picked up by car

\_\_\_\_ Attend a RTPD program other than a tag on. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**One (1) Friendship Request:** (same age/camp session) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note this is a request, not a guarantee. You may request one friend and they must request you too. Must be made by June 1.

**After Camp Participants only:**

Please print the person (s) names that will be picking up your child from After Camp:

\_\_\_\_\_

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## EMERGENCY TREATMENT RELEASE

**My Minor Child is:**

**Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent and/or guardian, I authorize that in a medical emergency regarding my minor child, that the local emergency medical service be contacted. If, as determined by the local emergency medical service, my child needs immediate care and needs to be transported to an emergency care center, I authorize treatment and transportation. If in the opinion of the attending physician at the emergency care center that further treatment is necessary, I authorize the treatment of my child.

I recognize that time is important during an emergency situation and I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child. However, a reasonable effort should be made to contact myself and/or if needed, the alternate emergency contacts listed below.

I declare that I exercised my own judgment in deciding whether to sign this agreement and I further declare that my decision to sign was not based on or influenced by any declarations or representations of the River Trails Park District or its employees, agent or instructors. In addition, I agree that I will be responsible for payment for any and all medical services provided.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (H):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(W):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (H):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(W):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (H):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(W):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS CONTRACT

The following standards have been adopted by the River Trails Park District to be used uniformly as a guideline for disciplining any child enrolled in our Day Camp programs

### **GENERAL INAPPROPRIATE/UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS: SEE CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Abusive language
2. Disrespectful behavior towards staff and/or fellow participants.
3. Continuous disruptive behavior
4. Any aggressive behavior (slapping, punching, kicking, biting, etc.), whether it is initiated or in retaliation.

### **FIRST WARNING:**

The first time any inappropriate/unacceptable behavior occurs, the parent will be notified by phone (or written letter if parent is not reachable). Documentation of this behavior will be kept on file at the park district. If that behavior occurs again within the same day, the parents will be called to come and remove the child from the program for the remainder of the day. \*\*

### **SECOND WARNING:**

If a child continues to display inappropriate/unacceptable behavior after a first warning has been given, the child will receive a written letter of second warning. This letter will state the child's inappropriate/unacceptable behavior and notify the parent(s) that one more incident of such behavior could lead to the child's last warning and possible removal from the program. This letter must be signed by a parent and returned. One copy will remain at the park district and one copy will be given to the parent. \*\*

### **REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM**

After the first and second warnings have been issued and an inappropriate behavior is displayed, a parent will be contacted by phone and a written notice that the child will be removed from the program for a certain period of time or permanently. (Depending on the severity of the behavior). \*\*

\*\*In an extreme case of unacceptable behavior that is threatening to other participants or staff, the first two warnings can be omitted and the child will be removed from the program immediately with the final warning. \*\*

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### **Please Print**

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Session:            1   2   3   4

I have read, understand, and accept the above Behavioral Standards Contract and procedures. I will also go over these Behavioral Standards with my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT & SUPERHERO'S ACADEMY OF MOTION ARTS  
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS  
AGREEMENT**

In consideration for participation in parkour activities conducted by Superhero's Academy of Motion Arts, I hereby agree to waive, release, and discharge Superhero's Academy of Motion Arts (SAOMA) and the River Trails Park District (RTPD), including their respective officers, officials, employees, agents, and contractors (collectively, "the Parties") from any and all liability, claims, damages, or losses that I (or my minor child/ward) may sustain arising out of or in any way connected with participation in this program/activity.

**WARNING OF RISK & IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

SAOMA and RTPD are committed to conducting recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and hold the safety of participants in high regard. SA continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this program must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in parkour activities.

Parkour activities are intended to challenge the physical, mental, and emotional resources of each participant. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury including death. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. The very nature of parkour is hazardous and risky. **The risks include, but are not limited to:** serious physical injury arising out of slips and falls; falling from equipment; rope burns; pinches, scrapes, twists and jolts that could result in scratches, bruises, sprains, lacerations, fractures, concussions, or even more severe life threatening injuries; muscular soreness, tears, strains, sprains, dislocations, fractures and broken bones; paralysis, cuts, bruises, and muscle soreness; wrist, arm and shoulder injuries; musculoskeletal injuries including head, neck, and back; injuries to internal organs; inadequate or negligent instruction or supervision, horseplay, defective equipment, the negligence of other participants; lack of physical conditioning or skills; and premises defects. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the SAOMA or RTPD to guarantee absolute safety.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BELOW**

1. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity for myself (or my minor child/ward). My participation (or that of my child/ward) in this activity is purely voluntary, and I (or my child/ward) elect to participate in spite of the risks.
2. **I represent that I understand the nature of parkour activities, that these are physical in nature, and that I (or my child/ward) am qualified, in good health, and in the proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I (or my child/ward) believe conditions to be unsafe or activities to be beyond my skill level, I (or my child/ward) will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity.**
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless RTPD & SAOMA from any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation (or my minor child/ward) in this activity or my use of RTPD & SA's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of RTPD & SAOMA.**
4. Should RTPD & SAOMA or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I (or my minor child/ward) may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself or my child/ward. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I (or my child/ward) may have.
6. I have read and fully understand the above language, important information and warning of risk, indemnification, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, your on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining document shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my (or my child/ward's) participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right (and that of my minor child/ward) to maintain a lawsuit against RTPD & SAOMA on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION  
(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by RTPD & SAOMA to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless RTPD & SAOMA from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such us or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 4/16

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