

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE
IN LUTHER HEIGHTS BIBLE CAMP PROGRAMS**

To be read and signed by parent/guardian of minor campers

Name of Camper: _____

Statement of Parent or Guardian:

I understand and certify that my child's participation in Luther Heights and its activities is completely voluntary, and that I have familiarized myself with the camp's program and activities in which my child will be participating.

I understand that in all programs, both at the main site and in back-country locations, campers will be supervised by staff who are trained in first aid and in age, appropriate response to contingencies that may arise, including the necessity of seeking professional medical care. I understand that campers will be provided appropriate orientation and instruction for safe participation in camp activities. I also understand particular dimensions of certain trip programs, as follows.

In sessions based at the main camp site (Introduction to Camp, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior High) campers will be hiking away from the camp for short hikes of one to three hours duration. In Intermediate and Senior High Camps, campers will also spend one night away from the camp, in groups of up to 10 campers with at least one trained staff person. Overnight trips may on occasion include elevations up to 11,000 feet above sea level. At the farthest points on some overnight trips, the group may be up to 8 hours away from professional medical care. Campers may be subject to extremes in weather, and will be responsible for their own behavior on the trip. While on-site campers will have the opportunity to be involved in activities such as mountain biking, archery and group games. !

In offsite sessions (Trails, Backpack, Canoe, Senior High Adventure Week, and Sawtooth Wilderness Stewardship), campers will be in the wilderness back country for several days, at elevations ranging from 7,000 to 12,000 feet above sea level, in groups of up to 14 campers with two trained staff people, at least one of whom is age twenty-one or over. At the farthest points on some trips, the group may be up to twenty-four hours away from professional medical care. Campers may be subject to extremes in weather, and will be responsible for their own behavior on the trip. In Sawtooth Wilderness Stewardship programs, campers with appropriate training and supervision will be using specialized tools for trail clearing and maintenance and other back country work authorized by the USDA Forest Service.

In Servant Events in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity or service to a non-profit organization, campers with appropriate training and supervision will be using construction tools for building projects and maintenance. Servant Event participants might have the opportunity for group initiatives, low ropes or high ropes course experiences.

I recognize that campers may also be involved in supervised **low ropes course** activities (some elements utilize steel cables mounted about a foot off the ground), i.e., group initiative tasks, trust exercises and other elements of varying physical activity which require trust and teamwork to complete.

I recognize that campers may be involved in aquatic activities and Luther Heights will have a certified Red Cross Lifeguard on duty at such times.

I, the undersigned, agree to indemnify and hold harmless Luther Heights Bible Camp and its employees, contractors and agents, against any claim of liability or loss due to personal injury or property damage resulting from or arising out of providing transportation for myself and/or my minor children.

I recognize that certain hazards and dangers are inherent in camp events and programs, particularly -but not limited to- the activities of hiking, backpacking, overnight camping, stream crossing, group games, aquatic activities, biking, archery, service projects such as building and maintenance work, and crafts projects. I acknowledge that although Luther Heights has taken safety measures to minimize the risk of injury to camp participants, Luther Heights cannot insure nor guarantee that the participants, equipment, premises and/or activities will be completely free of hazards, accidents, and/or injuries.

I, further recognize and have instructed my child in the importance of knowing and abiding by the camp's rules, regulations and procedures for the safety of camp participants.

Luther Heights Bible Camp will attempt to contact you if your child has an injury/illness that requires a visit to Professional Medical Services or any condition which persists for more than 1 day which prevents the camper from participating in Camp activities.

Understanding these situations, I hereby give permission for my child, named above, to participate in the camp session(s) for which he/she is registered. I also give permission for the use of photographs including my child or family in camp publicity.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

ALL PARTICPANTS MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM ON FILE WITH THE CAMP.

Please return this form, at least three weeks prior to camp, to: Luther Heights Bible Camp, HC 64, Box 9381, Ketchum, ID 83340 Prior to May 1st send to PO Box 389, Shoshone, ID 83352

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