

BACKPACKING PROGRAM

**WAIVER, RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND ASSUMPTION
OF RISK AGREEMENT**

_____	_____	_____
Name of Participant	Age	Telephone Number
_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City and State	Zip Code

Name of Parents, Guardian, Custodian or
Legal representative

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, Inc., ("Council") is attempting to provide participants at its resident camp with a backpacking program ("Backpacking Activity"). This program is not a mandatory part of the resident camp experience. It may, however, be enjoyable to some of the camp participants.

The program will be led by an experienced backpacker, who is qualified to lead an experience of this nature ("Backpacking/Trip Leader"). The Backpacking/Trip Leader knows how to check equipment for safety and how to use it correctly.

There are inherent risks, however, that are an integral part of any Backpacking Activity. These would include broken bones, skin abrasions or bruises. In extreme cases, severely disabling injuries resulting in paralysis, coma or even death may occur. Furthermore, another Backpacking Activity participant may act in a negligent manner that may contribute to the injury or death of the participant.

Anyone who is unwilling to assume the inherent risks of a Backpacking Activity, or who is unwilling to assume such risk on behalf of his or her child, ward, or charge, should not participate in, or permit such child, ward or charge to participate in the Backpacking Activity.

If a participant chooses to participate in, or a parent, guardian, custodian or other legal representative chooses to permit his or her child, ward or charge to participate in, the resident camp Backpacking Activity in consideration of the services performed by the Council in connection with the resident camp Backpacking Activity, the participant, and her parent, guardian, custodian or other legal representative must sign on the lines provided below.

By signing below, the undersigned participant, and her undersigned parent, guardian, custodian or other legal representative, on behalf of such participant and himself or herself do hereby:

- (1) To the full extent permitted by law, including, but not limited to Section 2305.321, Ohio Revised Code; waive liability and damages in a tort or other civil action for harm that the participant may sustain during the Backpacking Activity, against the Council, the Backpacking/Trip Leader, any other participant in the Backpacking Activity, and their respective successors, assigns, employees, agents, directors, trustees or volunteers (collectively the "Beneficiaries").

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- (2) Release, acquit and forever discharge the Beneficiaries from all claims, demands and causes of action of any kind for or on account of any personal injury or damage of any kind sustained.
- (3) Agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Beneficiaries from all loss, costs, expenses, damages and claims for damages, including defense costs and attorneys fees, for injury to or damage to the property of, any person caused or claimed to have been caused by the undersigned participant.

Understand that this outdoor adventure involves certain inherently dangerous risks and there can be equipment problems, which contribute to injury or loss. Therefore, the undersigned agree that they voluntarily assume the risk of accident or damage to the undersigned participant or her property.

The undersigned have carefully read the foregoing, the attached cover letter, and have voluntarily signed this Agreement for the purpose of granting the waivers, releases and indemnities and assuming the risks, all as provided above.

Date _____ Participant _____

Date _____ Parent, Guardian, Custodian or
other Legal Representative _____

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