

**Camp McDowell ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK FORM - Waiver of Liability**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has the opportunity to participate in one or more of the following activities while at Camp McDowell: Team Challenge, Power Pole, Climbing Wall and/or Trust Swing.

**Team Challenge** is a series of challenges and obstacles for a group to overcome. The purpose of the course is to teach teamwork and cooperation. At times, participants will be two to six feet off of the ground on ropes, cables or logs. During these activities, your child will depend on others for physical and emotional support and on our instructor to guarantee strict adherence to safety guidelines.

**The Power Pole, Climbing Wall and Trust Swing**, are all twenty to thirty feet high. While off the ground, all participants will be secured by a rope and harness safety system operated by a trained instructor. The purpose of these activities is to build group trust and self-confidence.

Our insurance carrier requires that all participants have a signed waiver which holds Camp McDowell and its staff harmless from any and all liability if an accident should occur. Camp McDowell has used these activities since 1974, and *this requirement is not the result of any problems, injuries or accidents at the camp*, but simply a requirement of the liability insurance carrier.

By signing this waiver, you accept responsibility for your child who is willingly participating in a program where there are certain inherent risks and dangers. **Please note that all participants have the choice to not participate.** You must understand that the risk involved in participation may also include loss or damage to personal property, physical or psychological damage and/or injury not excluding fatality due to accidents which may occur. You understand that, in case of injury, initial treatment may be performed by the staff of Camp McDowell and there may be need for transportation to medical facilities in Jasper, Alabama.

After reading above, I certify that the named participant below is completely healthy (both physically and emotionally) and capable of participating in these activities. I understand that it is solely my responsibility to determine whether there is any medical reason that he/she should not participate in any of the activities.

I assume all of the above inherent risks and any other ordinary risks incidental to the nature of these activities which are not specifically foreseeable. I will hold Camp McDowell harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether for bodily injury, property damage or loss otherwise which may arise from participation in these activities. By signing this waiver I release Camp McDowell and its staff from any negligence incurred. The participant named below enters into this activity voluntarily, and takes full responsibility for the decision to participate or not to participate.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED!**

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Name of Participant (Please Print)

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Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

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(date)

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Relationship to Participant