

San Juan Outdoor Learning Academy (SOLA)

PARTICIPANT RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

The undersigned, being the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, a minor child under the age of 18 years give this waiver and release and assume on behalf of the student named herein all of the risks of participating in the San Juan Outdoor Learning Academy (SOLA).

RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Voyager Youth Program's San Juan Outdoor Learning Academy activities (both scheduled and unscheduled) include outdoor rock climbing, bouldering, indoor rock climbing, hiking on and off trail, camping, swimming, games and sporting activities, and transportation in school buses and Suburbans. We, the parents/guardians acknowledge that participating in these activities presents inherent risks and other hazards or dangers that can result in injury or death. Some of the risks include, but are not limited to:

Outdoor/Wilderness Travel Risks: Travel in high altitude, on rough and uneven terrain, and on rocks presents inherent risk. Hazards may not be marked. Weather, including thunderstorms, wind, rain, and heat, also presents risks to participants. Weather in Colorado is unpredictable and may change quickly. Staff and participants will use their best judgment when encountering hazards and weather conditions.

Transportation/Travel Risks: During SOLA, participants may travel via school bus, Suburban, bicycle, or foot. Travel may be on paved or dirt roads or paved or dirt paths. Weather, terrain, and other recreationists may pose hazards to travel.

Risks in judgment: All Voyager staff are trained in First Aid, CPR, Universal Precautions, decision making, and the outdoor skills that they teach; however, there is always a risk that staff may misjudge a participant's abilities or health, may misjudge weather, terrain, other hazards, or other part of the program.

Health Risks: Both disclosed and undisclosed medical and/or health conditions affect a participant's ability to participate and could result in injury or death.

Equipment Risks: While all gear is tested daily, equipment may break or fail due to misuse or malfunction. Helmets are required for biking and rock climbing. The use of helmets has been shown to mitigate the risk of serious head injury; however, injuries can still occur while wearing a helmet.

Participant Conduct Risks: Each participant is responsible to his/her own behavior. Youth are expected to follow safety requirements and maintain control of their behavior. There is risk to each youth that other participants may act recklessly or dangerously.

The participant is partaking voluntarily in all activities with full knowledge of associated risks. The participant and parents/guardians of minors, assume and accept full responsibility for all risks and hazards inherent in all activities. In addition, the participant and parents/guardians assume responsibility for any injury, death, or any other loss experienced by the participant.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I the undersigned, parent or legal guardian or student, as the case may be, by signing below, acknowledge that I have read the above and foregoing Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk, that I understand that by signing below, I may be giving up important legal rights an behalf of myself and/or the student names above, and that I have freely and voluntarily signed, this Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk with full knowledge of such rights.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

_____ (print name)

_____ (signature)

(address) (telephone)

STUDENT:

_____ (print name)

_____ (signature)