

Acknowledgement of Camper Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability for Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) Weeks

CDSS believes that camp should be a safe, fun and educational experience for all. With those values in mind, CDSS is asking all campers to sign the following waiver. The waiver is intended to protect, and not to limit, the culture of community created at Camp over many generations.

Therefore, I understand that during my participation at this CDSS Camp program, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks which are inherent to Camp activities and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Camp. These inherent risks include dangers of personal injury and property damage through natural causes or the actions of other persons, as a result of negligence or otherwise. I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me. I further understand that while there is medical staff on site at this Camp, neither CDSS nor the Camp can guarantee my physical safety. To the best of my knowledge, I am in good physical condition and fully able to participate in this Camp. **I hereby elect to participate in this Camp, knowing the potential risks.**

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant at Camp, and for the services and amenities to be provided by CDSS in connection with the Camp, I confirm my understanding that:

- I am responsible for my own behaviors toward others at Camp. CDSS is not responsible if I negligently or intentionally injure another person(s) during or in relation to Camp.
- CDSS is not responsible if I am injured during Camp or in relation to a CDSS event.
- CDSS does not provide alcohol but campers of legal age are permitted to bring alcohol to Camp for responsible and appropriate consumption. I understand that I am solely responsible for my own actions as the result of my alcohol consumption, and that consumption of alcohol by any child or person under the legal drinking age is strictly prohibited. I may be personally liable if I provide alcohol to a legal minor directly or negligently.
- **No firearms of any kind are allowed at Camp.**
- CDSS strictly forbids the possession or use of illegal substances and unprescribed prescription drugs at Camp. I am solely responsible for my actions and bear sole liability for any such possession or use. I understand that I may be personally liable if I provide the same to any other person directly or negligently.
- If I choose to swim or boat, it is at my own risk, particularly should I decide to swim at any time there is no lifeguard on duty. CDSS is not responsible for any injury I might sustain, including death, if I choose to swim or boat.
- If I bring a minor child to Camp during a non-family week, I shall bear sole and complete responsibility for the safety, care and behavior of any such child. I understand that CDSS shall provide no special programs or accommodations for minors during non-family weeks.
- If I bring a minor child to the CDSS Camp during a family week, I understand that I bear sole responsibility for the safety, care and behavior of any such minor. This includes any time I choose to leave such minor unattended in a cabin during a dance or other Camp event.
- If I engage in behavior that is disruptive to the Camp community, I understand that CDSS reserves the right to dismiss me from Camp, without refund of fees paid.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder shall remain valid and fully enforceable.

In addition, all minors (under age 18) must be accompanied at camp by a parent or legal guardian or someone assigned by their parent or legal guardian. And this additional information must be read and agreed to.

GENERAL INFORMATION for MINORS at CDSS PROGRAMS

- Campers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is responsible for the child at all times.
- A resident First Aid responder, nurse or doctor will be in attendance at camp. CDSS and the Camp assume no liability for accidents or illness or for their treatment.
- Illegal use and sale of alcohol and drugs is prohibited. The legal drinking age is 21 years. Parents and guardians are responsible for making sure that their children do not take alcohol or drugs at Camp.
- Rules for swimming and boating are posted; parents and guardians are responsible for making sure that their children follow these rules. CDSS and the Camp assume no responsibility for campers swimming or using boats.

HOUSING/CAMP LIFE at FAMILY PROGRAMS:

Responsibilities at Family programs are different from those during other CDSS weeks, both for CDSS and for campers. We urge you to study the arrangements and rules outlined below and to discuss them with your children before you arrive at camp. Camp is not certified as a children's camp, and is not childproofed. We are concerned about the safety of your child and the protection of the camp facilities and environment. Your child can easily get hurt or lost if not closely supervised. The environment at camp is also fragile; please help your child respect and care for the nature and buildings of camp.

- Bedtimes are an important part of the freedom afforded families at Camp. We realize that at home children have vastly varying bedtimes. At camp the younger children will be "pied pipered" to their cabins at the time listed on the schedule. There is another bedtime for the pre-teens. These bedtimes are strict with the exception that if this is too late for your children, you are encouraged to take them to bed sooner. There will be roving monitors during the evening dances who will fetch a parent if needed.
- Parents will be housed near or with their children in an area appropriate for the youngest child's age group in order to facilitate night time supervision.
- In order to preserve the quiet and rustic quality of camp, amplified music is allowed only in the dance spaces. CDSS does not allow recordings and radios to be played on the paths.
- Families should bring any special equipment they require for the care of their children, including cribs and high chairs.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE CDSS, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from any and all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from injuries and damages in any way connected with this Camp. I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS CDSS, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own acts and omissions, including but not limited to negligence while a participant at Camp. I understand that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Further, I hereby agree and consent to the foregoing **Agreement** on behalf of, and I accept full responsibility for, the minor(s) listed below, my legal child(ren) or ward(s) who will attend the CDSS Week(s) listed below without me. I have read and agree to the **General Information for Minors at CDSS Programs**, and waive all claims, demands, causes of actions, and suits for personal injury, property damage, and other liability which may occur to these children listed above while they are at the Program and Camp.

In addition, _____ *name of guardian (over age 24)* is assigned by me to oversee my child(ren), listed below, at camp and has my permission to authorize emergency medical treatment if necessary.

Name(s) and Birth Date(s) of Minor Camper(s) (Please Print)

Session(s) please check all that apply:

- o Family Week at Pinewoods: July 13 – 20, 2019
- o Harmony of Song & Dance at Pinewoods: July 20 – 27, 2019
- o English Dance Week at Pinewoods: July 27 – August 3, 2019
- o American Dance & Music Week at Pinewoods: August 3 – 10, 2019
- o Early Music Week at Pinewoods: August 10 – 17, 2019
- o Campers' Week at Pinewoods: August 17 – 24, 2019
- o Family Week at Ogontz: July 27 – August 3, 2019
- o Dance Music & Spice Week at Cavell: August 11 – 18, 2019
- o CDSS Adult & Family Week at Camp Louise: August 12 – 18, 2019

Name and Birth Date of Parent or legal Guardian (Please Print)

Signature

Date

Guardian's section

I accept full responsibility for the above named child(ren) while attending the CDSS Camp(s) indicated above. I have read and agree to the **General Information for Minors at CDSS Programs** and waive all claims, demands, causes of actions, and suits for personal injury, property damage, and other liability which may occur to this child while at the Program and Camp indicated above.

Name and Birth Date of Assigned Guardian (Please Print)

Signature

Date