

ADULT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK FORM

WAIVER OF LIABILITY for McDowell Environmental Center

Camp McDowell - 105 Delong Road - Nauvoo, AL 35578



Dear Adult Participant,

Your group has chosen one or more of the following for your school to participate in at McDowell Environmental Center: 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, participants will depend on one another 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 ropes course elements. 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 willingly participating in a program where there are certain inherent risks and dangers. **Please note that you have the choice not to 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 I am 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 I 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 my participation. By signing this waiver I release Camp McDowell and its staff from any negligence incurred. I enter into this activity voluntarily, and take full responsibility for the decision for myself to participate or not to participate.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE UNLESS YOU RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM!

Name (Please Print)

Name of **Child**, if attending (Please Print)

Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO THE TEACHER ASAP