



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
PARENTAL RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM

4-H Youth Development

PROGRAM NAME & DATES: 2009 Volunteer Forum **DATE:** November 20-22, 2009

My minor child, as listed below, has my permission to fully participate as a representative of the Maryland Cooperative Extension (MCE) Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program in all activities associated with the above named program. In connection with and consideration of my child's participation in the Program, I, on behalf of my child and myself, my heirs, personal representative(s) and assigns, hereby represent and agree as follows:

1. I am aware that any program related activity can be dangerous, and I fully recognize and understand that there are risks and hazards, both minor and serious, associated with participation in the Program and related activities, including, but not limited to: cuts, scrapes, bruises, broken bones, muscle strains, pulls or tears, head, neck, back, eye and other bodily injuries, heat prostration, brain damage, blindness, deafness, drowning, heart attacks, paralysis and, even death. The following is a description and examples of specific, significant, non-obvious dangers and risks associated with this activity. There is potential for accidents and/or injuries arising from:
 - a. participating in activities associated with this program.
 - b. transportation to and from program activities by public/private carrier, commercial airline or vehicle driven by a MCE volunteer/staff member.
 - c. residing in a hotel/motel room with youth and/or adults of the same gender.
 - d. use of hotel/motel pool, exercise, and/or other recreational facilities.
 - e. fire and/or weather-related events.
 - f. terrorism attacks while participating or traveling to and from activities.
2. I understand that my child is not in any way required to participate in the Program, but I want my child to participate, despite the possible dangers and despite this Release.
3. I represent and warrant that my child has no physical, health related or other problems, which would preclude or restrict my child's participation in the Program or otherwise render their participation dangerous or harmful to them or others. I further represent and warrant that my child has adequate medical, health and/or other insurance for participation.
4. Knowing the dangers, hazards and risks associated with the Program, and with sufficient knowledge of my child's physical condition and limitations, if any, I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to person or property in any way associated with my child's participation in the Program and related activities.
5. I agree that my child must abide by all rules and regulations applicable to participation in the Program. Should my child require emergency medical treatment or first aid as a result illness or injury associated with the Program or related activities, I consent to such first aid and/or treatment.
6. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge, and agree not to sue and to indemnify and hold harmless, the State of Maryland, the University of Maryland, Maryland Cooperative Extension and their governing boards, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands and causes of action of any kind on account of any loss, damage, illness or injury to person or property in any way arising out of or relating to my child's participation in the Program and/or related activities, whether due to the negligence, mistake or other action or inaction of MCE or any other person or entity.
7. I do hereby consent and agree that the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program has the right to take photographs or record video/audio tapes of my child and to use these for educational and/or promotional materials. I further consent that my child's name may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or community. I hereby release to the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program all rights to exhibit this work publicly or privately, including posting it on the Maryland 4-H Website. I waive any rights, claims or interests I or my child may have to control the use of my child's identity or likeness in the photographs, video or audio, and agree that any uses described herein may be made without compensation or additional consideration of me or my child.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND INFORMED CONSENT FORM, AND I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian having custody of Participating Child

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Participating Child's Printed Name

Child's Signature

Date

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