

"Challenge by Choice–Ziplines" INFORMED CONSENT AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Attention Parents and Campers: Night owls, Nomads and ASE will participate in ziplines, weather and schedule permitting. We ask other older campers to sign this form IN CASE we are able to offer ziplines. **Signing this form IS NOT a guarantee that this activity will be offered during your camp session.**

Makemie Woods offers "hand-stop" zip lines as an adventure activity for older campers and adults. Using a harness and pulley system, and wearing a helmet and special gloves for protection, the participants ride across the reservoir on a steel cable. There is no climbing involved, participants begin and end at ground level, and control how fast they go. As with all camp activities, there is risk involved, and therefore we ask you to sign this document.

**THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT WHICH INCLUDES A RELEASE OF LIABILITY.
READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

1. I understand and accept that the Group Initiatives Course and Ropes Course exposes me to many risks. Some of the risks which may be present or occur include, but are not limited to:
 - the hazards of traveling by foot or vehicle to & from the course;
 - using climbing harnesses, ropes, carabiners, and other climbing equipment
 - objects falling from above including but not limited to ropes, carabiners, other climbing gear, boards, cables, nuts, & bolts & other construction materials, cameras, and personal gear, tree branches, other people, etc.;
 - falling from course elements and landing on ground or in water, or falling against cables, ropes, trees, platforms, beams, other people, etc.;
 - getting tangled in ropes or cables;
 - failure of ropes, cables, bolts, nuts, platforms, beams, boards, harnesses, etc.
 - injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles or plants;
 - the forces of nature including lightning, weather changes, hypothermia, hyperthermia, sunburn, high winds, and others not named;
 - the physical exertion and stress associated with this outdoor activity.
2. Challenge by Choice is not a camp requirement. I have freely chosen to participate. I hereby assume the risks associated with Challenge by Choice.
3. I understand that this activity may subject me to rigorous physical exertion. I hereby state that I am in sufficient physical condition to accept a rigorous level of physical activity.
4. IN CONSIDERATION OF AND AS PART PAYMENT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, I HAVE AND DO HEREBY RELEASE AND WILL HOLD HARMLESS MAKEMIE WOODS, THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA AND ALL THEIR OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DEBTS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER, AND SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING ANY CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLIGENT ACTS, WHICH I NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. THE TERMS HEREOF SHALL SERVE AS A RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS AND FOR ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY, INCLUDING ANY MINORS ACCOMPANYING ME.
5. Prior to signing this document, I have had an adequate opportunity to read and understand it, have had an opportunity to ask questions about it, and any questions I have had have been answered to my satisfaction.

Participant Signature

Printed Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant under 18)

Printed Name

Date