

## CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

I represent to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, its employees and volunteer workers (collectively, "SMLC") that I have the legal authority to make decisions regarding the welfare, safety and legal rights of \_\_\_\_\_ ("child/youth"). I understand that this document waives certain legal rights that my child/youth and I might have, and limits the liability of SMLC, in the event of an accident or injury occurring during a SMLC event.

I and the above-named child/youth understand that every SMLC event presents a risk of injury, serious injury, or even death to the above-named child/youth.

I understand and agree that it is my parental duty to request information about each event from SMLC; to assess the risk of each individual event; to discuss those risks with my child/youth; and to prevent my child/youth from participating if I deem the event too risky. I further understand and agree that SMLC is not responsible for determining whether or not I have given my permission for my child/youth to participate in any given event. SMLC may rely on this signed document, coupled with my child/youth's actual participation, as an expression of my permission for the above-named child/youth to participate in any event.

I understand that parent and child/youth assume the risk of any injury or death that may result from participation in SMLC events. As parent and child/youth, **we waive any right to sue SMLC for any injury or death to the above-named child/youth while engaged in any SMLC child/youth event, including but not limited to any claim based on the negligence or gross negligence of SMLC or any of its representatives or agents**, and we agree to indemnify and to defend SMLC against any claim or liability asserted against SMLC for any such injury or death to child/youth. We also hold SMLC harmless from all liability to any other person or entity arising as a result of the conduct of the above-named child/youth during any SMLC event, and we agree to defend and indemnify SMLC against any claim or liability arising as a result of such conduct.

If I, as parent, cannot be contacted in the case of an emergency or other medical necessity, SMLC is authorized on my behalf and on behalf of the above-named child/youth, to arrange for such medical and hospital treatment as SMLC deems advisable for the health and well-being of the above-named child/youth.

I authorize SMLC to transport the above-named child/youth to, from, and during any SMLC event. I also understand that, from time to time, other child/youths may drive their own vehicles to, from and during use events. I understand that it is SMLC policy to disallow child/youths from riding in vehicles driven by other youths. However, I agree that SMLC is not responsible for determining whether I have given my permission for my child/youth to ride in vehicles driven by other youths, and I acknowledge that it is my parental duty to prevent my child/youth from riding in vehicles driven by other youths.

Parent / Guardian Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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