

## Wesley Woods Camp Horse Activity Authorization and Consent

I, the undersigned, represent that I am (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ an adult participating at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center.

or

I, the undersigned, represent that I am the custodial parent or legal guardian of: (please print child's/dependent adult name)

\_\_\_\_\_, a participant at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center.

This Camp Authorization and WARNING applies to and is to be completed ONLY by those parents or guardians whose children or wards are permitted by them to take part in activities involving horses, including but not limited to horseback riding. The following WARNINGS are directed to those parents and/or guardians who wish to have their children or wards participate in horse activities.

With respect to horseback riding, both the Camp and the Conference are sponsors of domesticated animal activity under Iowa Law and provide me with the following specific WARNINGS:

WARNING: UNDER IOWA LAW, A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL OR A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITY SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 673. YOU ARE ASSUMING INHERENT RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITY.

### FURTHER WARNING AND DISCLAIMER:

1. A number of inherent risks are associated with a domesticated animal activity. A domesticated animal may behave in a manner that results in damages to property or an injury or death to a person. Risks associated with the activity may include injuries caused by bucking, biting, stumbling, rearing, trampling, scratching, pecking, falling, or butting.
2. The domesticated animal may react unpredictably to conditions including, but not limited to, a sudden movement, loud noise, an unfamiliar environment, or the introduction of unfamiliar persons, animals, or objects.
3. The domesticated animal may also react in a dangerous manner when a condition or treatment is considered hazardous to the welfare of the animal: a collision occurs with an object or animal, or a participant fails to exercise reasonable care, take adequate precautions, or use adequate control when engaging in a domesticated animal activity including failing to maintain reasonable control of the animal or failing to act in a manner consistent with the person's ability.

I /my child or ward wish to participate in horse activities and understand that my child or ward (participant) and I assume the inherent risks in participating in horse or domesticated animal activities as set out in the foregoing WARNINGS. Should any claim, action or suit against the Camp, Conference, or their employees, representatives or volunteers, which is based on the inherent risks of animal(horse) activity set out above, result in any of those entities having to pay or compensate for any injury to my child or ward, I will indemnify and hold harmless the foregoing entities, their employees, representatives or volunteers for any such sum or amount so paid.

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE. I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CONTENT. I/MY CHILD OR WARD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN HORSE OR DOMESTICATED ANIMAL ACTIVITY. I CONSENT TO THE CONDITIONS AND TERMS CONTAINED HEREIN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(2<sup>nd</sup> parent/guardian - if both want to sign)

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Release of Liability – Iowa United Methodist Conference

Each United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center ("Camp") in the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church offers a variety of services and voluntary activities designed to enrich the camping or retreat experience. These services and voluntary activities may include, without limitation, the provision of food, lodging and transportation, as well as the sponsorship of challenging and educational activities often associated with camping and the outdoors such as hiking, boating, swimming, campfires, fishing, low and high rope courses, go-karts, horseback riding, archery, rock climbing, wall climbing, tree climbing and rappelling. Special camps offer special educational opportunities or off-site trips. Both participants and staff members (including volunteers) may have the opportunity to participate in one or all of these activities.

While each Camp will endeavor to assure the safety of its participants and staff members, there are unavoidable risks of injury – and even death – associated with camping and its related services and activities.

**Consequently, a properly executed Release of Liability is required before anyone may attend a Camp or Retreat as either a participant or a staff member.**

Such a Release of Liability is set forth below. If you are a prospective participant or staff member under eighteen years of age, one of your parents or your legal guardian must print his or her name below and then sign and date the line designated "Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant or Staff Member". If you are a prospective participant or staff member eighteen years of age or older, you must print your name below and then sign and date the line designated "Adult Participant or Staff Member." You are encouraged to consult an attorney if you have any questions about the meaning of this document. If you have any questions about the services or activities provided at any Camp you should contact the Office of Camp, Conference & Retreat Ministries at 1-800-765-1651.

**Person Signing:**  
*(print neatly the appropriate name as described above, either parent or guardian of participant or staff under 18, or participant or staff 18 and older)*

**By signing below, I (Print)**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**acknowledge and agree to the following:**

1. I have read and understand the risks summarized above and acknowledge that the activities in which I may engage can be dangerous and can involve risk of serious injury or death. I also acknowledge that not all potential risks associated with all camp or retreat activities or services are listed herein but are reasonably foreseeable;
2. I understand that my participation in camp activities and receipt of camp services is voluntary and I may decline to participate in any activity or service offered. I further understand that it is my obligation and responsibility to continually look out for any conditions or circumstances that may be unsafe. If at any time I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately notify a camp official and, if necessary, immediately leave the area or stop participating in the event which I feel may be unsafe;
3. I understand that in order to participate in certain offsite camp activities I may be transported in a licensed, insured vehicle of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church or in some instances a privately owned vehicle;
4. I understand that in the case of a medical need not requiring onsite emergency medical treatment I may be transported in a licensed, insured vehicle of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church or in some instances a privately owned vehicle;

5. In consideration of attending a United Methodist Camp(s) as a participant or staff member, I expressly assume the risks of such attendance. Further, for myself and on behalf of my executors, administrators and heirs, I release and hold the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) I attend, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of the entities, harmless from any and all claims, suits or liability arising in any way from my attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) for injury to my person or property or my death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals to the fullest extent allowed by law, it being the intention of the parties for this release to be as broad and inclusive as allowed by law;
6. In consideration of my child's or ward's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) as a participant or staff member, I, for myself and on behalf of my minor child or ward and his or her executors, administrators and heirs, give permission to my minor child or ward to participate in any of the activities offered at such camp, subject to the limits identified on the Camper Health History & Authorization Form attached hereto and release and hold the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) my child or ward attends, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of the entities, harmless from any and all claims, suits or liability arising in any way from the child's or ward's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) for injury to my child or ward or his or her property or his or her death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals to the fullest extent allowed by laws, it being the intention of the parties for this release to be as broad and inclusive as allowed by law

**Printed Name of Participant or Staff Member: X** \_\_\_\_\_

If participant or staff member is under age 18:

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Custodial Parent/Guardian:      Date:**

- OR -

If participant is 18 or older:

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Adult Participant or Staff Member:      Date:**

### Public Relations Release

United Methodist Camp personnel may at their discretion, elect to include photographs of persons and events at United Methodist Camps in printed materials, news releases, film presentations, authorized camp or conference websites and the like for the purpose of advancing the mission of the United Methodist Camp program. I hereby give permission for photo or visual image of the above named individual to be used for such purposes, without compensation or prior approval rights, at any time with the understanding that said individual will not be identified by name, without permission.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Custodial Parent/Guardian:      Date:      X      Adult Participant or Staff Member:      Date:**