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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Word of Life's mission is to reach youth with the Gospel of Christ through Scripture, evangelism and discipleship. One of the ways we accomplish this goal is through our camping ministries. We are committed to reaching youth whose culture is constantly changing with Biblical truth that never changes. The Adirondack Wilderness Adventure (AWA) is a specialty camp at the Word of Life Island designed to minister to young people in a deeper way.

AWA uses wilderness experiences to teach young men and women how to know Jesus through His creation, Biblical community and spiritual disciplines. We teach campers the basics of backpacking and camp crafts, and they participate in multi-day backpacking excursions.

Those involved in AWA are exposed to increased risks. We make every effort to minimize risks and to make the AWA program as safe as possible. All guides are certified in Wilderness First Aid, Lifeguarding and CPR. In addition, each guide must participate in three weeks of training under the oversight of the Lead Guide.

The rewards are also significant. The AWA program provides important growth opportunities that cannot be quantified. Learning outdoor skills and adapting them in the wilderness, experiencing pristine parts of God's creation, growing through the challenge of carrying a pack over distance on rugged trails and living together in a primitive campsite community all allow for unique opportunities for character and spiritual growth that are not available in typical camping programs.

As you consider AWA for your son or daughter, we want you to be aware of the rewards and risks inherent in this program. A signed "Assumption of Risk" form is attached and is required for each AWA participant. If you have any questions, please call my office at: 518-494-6289.

We look forward to having your son or daughter join us for AWA this summer.

Yours Truly,

Tommy Sewall  
Island Camp Director

## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I acknowledge that participation in Word of Life's Adirondack Wilderness Program involves risk to the Participant (and to the Participant's parents or guardians, if Participant is a minor) and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to, the following: sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage and financial damage. In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the activity described above (the "Activity"), the Participant (or parent/guardian if Participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in and transportation to and from the Activity.

The Participant (or parent/guardian) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury or other loss sustained during the Activity or during transportation to and from the activity, as well as for any medical treatment rendered to the Participant that is authorized by the Sponsor or its agents, employees, volunteers or any other representatives (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Word of Life Camps").

Further, the Participant (or parent/guardian) releases and promises to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Word of Life Camps for any injury arising directly or indirectly out of the described Activity or transportation to and from the Activity, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the Activity Sponsor, the Participant or otherwise.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the Participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the Participant (or parent/guardian) and Word of Life Camps cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

I also give permission for Word of Life to use my son/daughter's picture for advertising purposes in Word of Life's print publications, website and audiovisual presentations.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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