

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



## Multnomah Education Service District Outdoor School & Companion Programs

### RULES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

The Outdoor School and companion programs are schools in the out-of-doors and the rules at your school apply while you are there. It is important that students remember that in order to learn and have fun each student is responsible for demonstrating appropriate behavior. Students will be responsible for the following:

1. using behavior that will help them learn on field study times:
  - a. listening to and following instructions
  - b. cooperating and participating in activities
  - c. respecting the rights of others to participate and learn;
2. getting along with adults, student leaders and other students;
3. participating in all activities;
4. cooperating with all students and staff;
5. respecting the rights and belongings of others;
6. listening to and following instructions;
7. using appropriate language;
8. following the Outdoor School / Oregon Trail rules for behavior and safety.

When students are at an Outdoor School program, there are some behaviors which are unacceptable. These include:

1. swearing;
2. refusing to follow instructions or directions;
3. bullying, pushing, shoving, intimidating other students;
4. behaving in a stubborn manner towards staff;
5. play fighting and physical horseplay;
6. disrupting Outdoor School / Oregon Trail activities;
7. refusing to participate in Outdoor School / Oregon Trail activities.

Behaviors that threaten other students and staff or put the student or other students and staff in danger will result in the student being sent home immediately and will be reported to the student's school with potential consequences.

Behaviors that will result in a student being sent home and may result in further consequences include:

1. violent acts against staff or students;
2. theft or vandalism;
3. possession of alcohol, tobacco products, narcotics, or dangerous drugs;
4. possession of a weapon;
5. overt sexual behaviors toward students or staff;
6. running away from supervisors.

### SEARCHES

The Outdoor School Program strives to ensure a physical and learning environment which protects the health, safety and welfare of students and staff. As part of this goal program staff may at any time search program facilities and equipment including cabins, desks and computers. Neither staff nor students have a reasonable expectation of privacy regarding program facilities or equipment.

Program staff may, subject to the requirements below, search a student's person and property, including property assigned by the program for the student's use. Searches may be conducted at any time.

All student searches for evidence of a violation will be conducted by the program staff subject to the following requirements:

1. Program staff members shall have individualized, "reasonable suspicion" to believe evidence of a violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school or program rule or otherwise illegal possession is present in a particular place. Program staff may also search when they have reasonable information that emergency/dangerous circumstances exist.
2. The search shall be "reasonable in scope." That is, the measures used are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age, sex, and maturity of the student and nature of the infraction.

- The search will be conducted by the Site Supervisor in the presence of the student's teacher, with at least one additional Outdoor School staff member in attendance.

Program staff may seize and destroy any item which is evidence of a violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school or program rule, or otherwise is prohibited by law, policy, regulation or rule.

### STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Student directory information, personally identifiable information including a student's photograph, participation in program activities and receipt of awards, may be occasionally used or released as part of the Outdoor School program. Use or release includes a child's name and/or picture appearing in Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) materials prepared for the purpose of informing the community about the MESD's Outdoor School and Companion Programs. MESD materials may discuss some aspect of the program or may request the donation of tools, games or other materials from community citizens. Use or release also includes news stories in print or television media and Outdoor School programs as part of a research or thesis study meriting publication in journals in areas such as, but not limited to, education and the environment. Student directory information may be released unless you as the parent sign and return the statement denying permission for release. See MESD Board Policies JOA and JOB for additional information regarding descriptions and release of student directory information.

**I have read the student directory information as described above.**



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Parent Signature

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Date

If you **do not** grant photo release/directory information, please check the box below.



**I DO NOT give permission for photo release/directory information list above.**

### RULES FOR SAFETY

You will be away from your family and school for a period of time during the Outdoor School program. You will be living and studying in a different home...the Outdoor School site. It is important that you have a safe and enjoyable experience. These safety rules were written so that all students can live in the outdoors safely and enjoy the programs equally.

These rules were developed by staff, students, and teachers. You will be expected to follow these rules in order to have a safe experience at this Outdoor School program.

#### PLEASE:

- Stay with your group. If you are on field study, stay with your class. If you are in the cabin area, stay with your cabin group.
- Walk with your assigned "buddy" when you are moving around the site.
- Stay out of streams and ponds. It's safer for you and better for the environment.
- Leave all rocks, sticks, and cones on the ground. Throwing things can harm others and disturb the wildlife.
- WALK** wherever you go. There are rocks, roots, and other things in the trails that make it important for you to walk slowly and carefully. Also, quick movements frighten wildlife!
- Stay in your cabin during **ALL CABIN TIMES**. If you need to see the nurse or leave your cabin for any reason, talk to your Group Leader first.
- Wear your name tag at all times. People want to know who you are and they like to call you by your name.
- Practice good environmental manners. Leave the Outdoor School site in the same condition that you found it.
- Be a good listener. Listen carefully...when staff members talk, they are saying something you need to hear!
- Contact a staff member immediately, if someone is sick or hurt, or if you have a complaint or concern about any adults or students.
- Pack only those items that are listed on your clothing and equipment list. All personal possessions that are not allowed in your school are not allowed at Outdoor School. So...please leave those things at home.

**I HAVE READ THIS INFORMATION AND DISCUSSED IT WITH MY PARENTS. I AGREE TO FOLLOW THE OUTDOOR SCHOOL RULES FOR SAFETY.** (Please sign below.)



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Parent Signature

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Student Signature

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Date

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Date

**Please return this form to the classroom teacher with the Health History form after completing both forms.**