

Activities Disclosure and Permission Form

Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center
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We are providing this information sheet to better inform you of the activities your child may be participating in while at the Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center. They may not be participating in all activities - please contact your child's teacher for the classes they chose. All of our classes are led by trained staff. Chaperones from your child's school assist in supervision during classes and are fully responsible for supervision during meals, recreation, and cabin time. You will need to sign this sheet and return it to your child's teacher. Feel free to call us if you have any other questions.

Day classes: Day classes are primarily outdoor activities lasting up to three hours. They may involve hiking a few miles of trails through our hardwood forest, wading shin deep in moving and/or still water, collecting aquatic organisms, using kits to test chemicals in the water, and observing caged reptiles, amphibians, and mammals.

Evening Programs: After the sun goes down, students attend evening programs. Students may walk in a group along a trail without a flashlight, dissect owl pellets and play roles (i.e. representing various sides of an issue, an escaped slave).

Adventure Programs: Adventure programs on site include a High ropes course and Climbing Tower. High Ropes involves climbing 35 feet into the trees and negotiating a series of obstacles. At the Climbing Tower, students climb as high as they can on a 38 foot wall. All participants in the above adventure programs wear harnesses and helmets and are closely supervised by trained staff members. Off site we offer white water rafting just a short van ride away on the Chattooga River.

Permission to Participate

_____ (student's name) has my permission to participate in the activities at Blue Ridge chosen by their classroom teacher. I understand that trained persons will be in charge. I acknowledge that certain risks and dangers (such as those listed below) are inherent in outdoor recreation and that the Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center does not guarantee accident free participation. These risks include, but are not limited to: adverse weather, moving water, slippery rocks, wild animals, equipment malfunctions or misuse, poisonous plants, human misjudgment, automobile collisions, and those activities listed on the "Eco-Adventure Information Sheet" (if applicable). I further acknowledge that participation in these activities could result in loss of life or damage to personal property, and/or emotional or physical harm. I understand that prudent safety procedures will be taken to provide protection against these risks and that my child is responsible for following the instructions and safety rules outlined by Blue Ridge staff. I release Mikell Conference Center, its principles and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, its Bishop, officers, and employees from all liability for any injury to me or my child during participation in activities at the Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center.

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parental Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give permission for photographs or video tapes to be made of my child and for the resulting images to be used in the marketing of Blue Ridge programs.

Signed _____ Date: _____