

Release of Liability
The Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries, Inc.
Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Board of Outdoor and Retreat Ministries, Inc. of the Detroit Annual Conference and related camps (BORM) offer a variety of voluntary activities, services and camping experiences. These may include, without limitation, providing food, lodging, and transportation, as well as challenging and educational activities associated with camping and the outdoors, such as hiking, boating, swimming, campfires, fishing, ropes courses, horseback riding, climbing and the like. Both campers and staff members, including volunteers, may have the opportunity to participate in one or more of these activities.

While the BORM tries to provide for the safety of its campers and staff members, there are unavoidable risks of injury and even death associated with camping and its related services and activities. Injury or death can occur even when care has been taken to provide for safety. Consequently, BORM requires that this Release of Liability be signed before anyone may attend a camp, or participate in camp activities, as either a camper or staff member.

If you are a prospective camper 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 Signature of Parent or Guardian of Camper/Staff Member Under Age 18. If you are a prospective camper or staff member eighteen years of age or older, you must print your name below and sign and date the line designated Signature of Adult Camper/Staff Member.

In consideration of the opportunity to be involved in a camp and the related services BORM provides, the undersigned agrees as follows:

1. I have read and understand the risks summarized above;
2. I understand that participation in camp activities and receipt of BORM services is voluntary;
3. I expressly assume the risks of such attendance and participation;
4. For myself and on behalf of my representatives, administrators, heirs, successors and those I am responsible for, I fully and completely release, discharge and hold harmless the BORM, the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and all Methodist affiliated camps I am involved in, including the owners, officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents, volunteers and affiliates of the same, from any and all claims, agreements, liabilities or suits, in law or in equity, arising in any way from involvement in or attendance at such a camp, including injury to my person or property, or death, except if caused by the gross negligence of these entities or individuals. This includes a waiver and release of the right to sue on behalf of a child by a parent or guardian.

This Release of Liability affects important legal rights. The signer acknowledges that he or she has been advised to read it carefully before signing. You are encouraged to consult an attorney if you have any questions about the meaning or effect of this document. In addition, you are encouraged to contact the BORM office at 1-800-334-0544 if you have any questions about the services, activities or risks at any camp. The signer acknowledges he or she has read this document, understands it, has had the opportunity to obtain advice from an attorney if wished and is relying on the signer's own judgment in signing it.

Printed Name of Camper/Staff Member: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian of Camper/Staff Member: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian of
Camper/Staff Member Under Age 18

Signature of Adult
Camper/Staff Member

Date