



Permission Slip

Student name (last, first) _____

Behavior and Safety Standards

Great Basin Outdoor School creates an atmosphere focused on safety, learning and growth through the use of positive discipline and role modeling. In our Universal Respect System, participants are respectful of:

- 1. Our Environment** – of all the plants and animals within it.
- 2. One Another** – our classmates, mentors, naturalists, and teachers. Great Basin has a “Zero Tolerance” policy for teasing.
- 3. Ourselves** – in the behavior that we exhibit and in the way we monitor our well-being.

In addition to these guidelines, behavior and safety rules have been established for specific situations and activities. GBOS staff will inform students of the rules for each activity.

Discipline Procedure

As part of the Universal Respect System, GBOS uses a three-step discipline procedure to encourage students to adopt appropriate behavior in all situations. Consequences for breaking guidelines or rules will be related to students upon arrival. On the first step, a student’s Universal Respect Bead will be taken; they can earn this back from their naturalist. On the second step the student’s parent will be called and the bead must be earned back from the Program Director (potentially after a behavior modification contract is filled out). On the third step, the parent will be asked to pick up the child. The parent/guardian must pick up their child at the outdoor school site in this event. Just like at school, any behavior which threatens the safety of other students may result in immediate dismissal.

Staff and Mentors

All staff are fingerprinted and cleared to work with children and have received training in Basic First Aid and positive discipline techniques. Most of our cabin mentors are high school and college students who are recommended, screened and trained. Mentors over 18 are fingerprinted and cleared to work with children. All of our cabin mentors receive training in positive discipline and leadership techniques.

Lost or Stolen Goods

Great Basin Outdoor School is not responsible for any lost or stolen goods.

Safety and Risk

Learning in the outdoor setting exposes students to risks that may not be present in the regular school or home, and which cannot be completely eliminated. Exposures may include, but are not limited to: sun, heat, cold, high winds, rain and snow, uneven walking surfaces and walking distances up to five miles, insects and plants, learning activities in close proximity to lakes and streams (swimming is never permitted), and transportation to field trip sites. Our use of semi-remote sites may result in delayed access to immediate medical care. Risks are minimized through design of the program, training of staff, safety and risk management plans, and student compliance with the behavior and safety guidelines and rules established for each activity.

Please Sign On Back

PARENT PERMISSION

By participating in the Great Basin Outdoor School program, the student _____ and parent/guardian voluntarily accept these risks set forth on page one and assume responsibility for them. This permission slip is a summary of program information. Students and parent/guardians may view additional details by consulting their classroom teacher or checking the Great Basin Outdoor School website at <http://greatbasin-os.org> .

I _____ agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Great Basin
Parent/Guardian
Outdoor School and volunteers from and against any and all liability or claims arising from injury or damage to person or property caused by or resulting from my child's acts, omissions or conduct while at Great Basin Outdoor School. I also release and relieve Great Basin Outdoor School and volunteers from any and all liability or claims arising from injury or damage suffered or incurred by my child as a result of the acts, omissions, or conduct of my child while at Great Basin Outdoor School. I also release and relieve Great Basin Outdoor School and volunteers from any and all liability or claims arising from injury or damage suffered or incurred by my child as a result of the acts, omissions, or conduct of any person, other than the negligence of Great Basin Outdoor School or volunteers.

As a student in the Great Basin Outdoor School program, I agree to abide by the behavior and safety guidelines and rules, and to accept related and reasonable consequences for breaking these rules. I agree to act at all times in a manner which maximizes safety and minimizes risk for myself and all other program participants. I have read, understood and accepted the information on this permission slip.

Parent/guardian signature and date, in ink

Student signature and date, in ink

PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH

I give permission for my child _____ to be filmed or photographed for media coverage or promotional purposes.

Parent/guardian signature and date, in ink