

Student Application

Our Terms and Conditions

To the student and parent/guardian: Please read this information carefully and sign below to acknowledge that you understand and agree to abide by our policies. **Your understanding and acceptance of this information is crucial to the success of our program. We appreciate your time in reading this thoroughly!**

Student Expectations

Students should be excited to join our courses. They should not be sent against their will. Every student is expected to be positive, motivated and physically fit, with strong behavior and group skills. Students have very little free or personal time and are busy most of the day. Students are expected to participate enthusiastically in all our trips' activities and to shoulder trip responsibilities with a positive attitude. Student responsibilities include cooking group meals, cleaning equipment, setting up camp, teaching simple lessons, and more.

Our courses are physically, mentally and emotionally challenging, but well within the ability range of most students who desire to participate. We make every effort to ensure applicants are capable of successfully completing our courses. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to assess the appropriateness of this program for their child.

Communication

In an effort to build a sense of independence, self reliance and focus, we do not permit phone calls to or from students during the course (with the exception of emergencies). Upon enrollment, parents will be given an emergency contact number. Our instructors carry cell phones and can usually communicate or be reached in a timely manner. If an important situation arises and a student or instructor needs to speak with the parents, we can make sure that happens.

On extended courses, letters from family are encouraged. Students will also have time to mail letters/postcards home. More information on sending mail will come in the welcome packet, if applicable.

Personal Electronics

In an effort to eliminate distractions among the group and to promote engagement in all activities, personal electronic devices, such as iPods, video game devices, and cell phones are not allowed on any of our courses. Students who are flying to their point of origin may carry a cell phone while traveling. Upon arrival, the course leaders will collect all cell phones to be stored in a safe location. Cell phones will be returned on the departure day.

Rules and Regulations

Alcohol, tobacco and drugs– The use or possession of any form of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug will result in an immediate return home at the family's expense and without refund. We have a zero tolerance policy for this and no second chances will be given.

Exclusive Relationships– Any exclusive relationships, including clique forming, boyfriend/girlfriend, excessive touching or intimate relations, are not permitted on a Hawaii Wilderness course. These types of relationships can have a negative impact on the group dynamic. Should a student violate this rule, they will be sent home at their own expense and without refund.

Behavioral Issues– Respect and cooperation are essential to creating a positive group dynamic and having a successful trip experience. A negative attitude, disruptive behavior of any kind or disrespectful behavior towards the leaders or other participants will not be tolerated. Should behavioral issues arise that affect other students, the leaders or the trip as a whole, the student will be sent home at the family's expense and without refund.

***We have strict rules to ensure a positive experience for all. Should any of the above policies be violated, parents will be contacted as soon as possible to discuss the issue. We strongly encourage parents to discuss these issues with their children prior to their trip so everyone is aware of the consequences of violating Hawaii Wilderness policies.

Alterations to Itinerary

Our intention is to follow as precisely as possible the itineraries described on our website. Dangerous weather or any other unforeseen problems may necessitate an itinerary change. If an activity is canceled for any reason, we will do our best to replace it with a similar one.

Model Release

Pictures and or video may be taken of the student to be used in Hawaii Wilderness Adventure School promotional materials in print and online. The parent/guardian and student does herewith authorize and agree to the reasonable and proper use by Hawaii Wilderness of any and all photographs and video which may be taken of any aspect of the program and which may include the image of the student.

Medical Form

Each applicant will be supplied a detailed medical form that must be filled out completely, and returned no later than 30 days before the course begins. If an applicant is not accepted due to the medical form, 100% of course tuition will be refunded, as long as the medical form is received on time. 75% of course tuition will be refunded for unaccepted medical forms received fewer than 30 days prior to course start date.

Cancellation Refund Policy

We require a nonrefundable 20% deposit upon enrollment. The balance is due 30 days before course start date. If a student withdraws prior to 30 days before course begins, 80% the tuition minus deposit will be refunded. If a student withdraws with fewer than 30 days before course, for any reason, no refunds will be given. If a student is sent home while on course for disciplinary reasons, no refunds will be given and the parents/guardians will be responsible for all transportation charges. If a student is not accepted by Hawaii Wilderness, a 100% refund will be given.

Hawaii Wilderness Adventure School Agreement

I am/my son or daughter is enthusiastic about participating in the course. We understand that an enjoyable and fulfilling experience with Hawaii Wilderness depends on a positive attitude, on a willingness to contribute to the whole group, and on a willingness to participate enthusiastically in the course activities. We understand that disruptive behavior, exclusive relationships, or the use or possession of any form of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug will result in an immediate return home, at my own expense and without refund. We have read, understand and agree to abide by all Hawaii Wilderness terms and conditions as stated in this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date