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Outdoor Education Program Waiver Form

Parent/Guardian Agreement

**Please return at least 30 days
before course start date.*

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ recognize that my dependent will be involved in outdoor activities on a trip offered by Hawaii Wilderness Adventure School. Major activities involved in this trip may include camping, hiking, backpacking, farming, gardening, sea kayaking, canoeing, sailing, snorkeling, ocean swimming, surfing, obstacle courses as well as a variety of teambuilding/leadership games and challenges. Hawaii Wilderness programs are strenuous outdoor adventures lasting up to 21 days. Our trips operate in remote areas where evacuation to medical facilities may take 24 hours, or more. Weather conditions can be extreme with temperatures ranging from 0 – 100 degrees. Altitude may reach 14,000 feet. Prolonged heavy rain, high winds, intense sun and/or suddenly high seas are possible. Physical demands on the student may include carrying a backpack weighing up to 45 pounds over uneven terrain such as boulders, river beds, sharp lava, snow, fallen logs, or slippery surfaces as well as ascending and descending steep mountain slopes. While participating on a Hawaii Wilderness expedition, students will sleep outdoors, experience long physically demanding days, set up their own camp and prepare their own meals. Each student is expected to take good care of him or herself.

I understand that outdoor activities present to the participant a wide variety of risks, hazards and conditions, not all of them easily foreseeable, which could result in loss, damage, expense, or injury including death. These conditions may include, but are not limited to steep and uneven terrain, changeable weather conditions including heat, cold and wetness, remoteness from normal medical services, evacuation difficulties, darkness, animal and plant life, the use of assorted vehicles including various types of boats, equipment use, and camping and cooking activities. I understand that both my dependent and Hawaii Wilderness will approach this Outdoor Education trip with both care and planning. While the trip/program is underway, they will endeavor to instruct, protect and care for the well-being of my dependent as would I in their place, including making decisions regarding the medical care of my dependent. I also understand that they will continue to maintain professional standards of behavior regarding my dependent. I understand that my dependent will be expected to uphold the standards of behavior expected of students in any school endeavor. (S)he will be expected to listen to and honor any request, suggestion, advice or rule given by staff of Hawaii Wilderness, other outside agencies and supervising adults on the trip, with the understanding that this is in the best interest of all participants. (S)he will be expected to act with responsibility and care for themselves, and for others on the trip. I am aware that there are risks involved in this trip, and have decided that I am prepared to allow my dependent to participate in both the trip, and all activities involved in the trip, including all transportation to and from the trip. I have spoken with my dependent about these risks and expectations, and am confident that they have understood them. I am now content to allow them to proceed on the trip as they wish. I have read this agreement at my leisure, and have understood its nature and its contents. Please allow my dependent to participate in the trip.

My dependent's participation in such activities may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability; these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or agents of Hawaii Wilderness; the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, guide decision making, including that a guide may misjudge terrain, weather, trail or river route locations, and water level, risks of falling out of or drowning while in a sailboat, canoe or kayak and such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities that take place in a wilderness, outdoor or recreational environment; and by my dependent's participation in these activities, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, officers or employees of Hawaii Wilderness, or by any other person.

I, on behalf of myself and my dependent hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify Hawaii Wilderness and its owners, agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the owners, agents, officers or employees of Hawaii Wilderness Adventure School.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT DO AGREE, IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE HAWAII WILDERNESS ADVENTURE SCHOOL AND ITS OWNERS,AGENTS,OFFICERS,AND EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

Signed: _____

Date: _____