

## **YMCA Camp Pepin Sailing Camp Acknowledgement of Risks**

YMCA Camp Pepin takes every precaution to create safe trail experiences for our campers. However, these activities have risks, including certain travel, environmental, and out-of-doors risks that cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activities. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of these activities could potentially also be causes of loss or damage to the participants' equipment, accidental injury, illness, or (in extreme cases) permanent trauma, disability, or death. Camp Pepin does not want to frighten participants or reduce their enthusiasm for these activities, but believes that it is important for them and for their parents or guardians to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the activities' inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks:

- Participants may or will travel by 15-passenger vans, which undergo a thorough professional mechanical inspection prior to each summer camp season, and which undergo a written vehicular inspection prior to each excursion. Camp Pepin staff members participate in a driver training session that is specific to handling 15-passenger vans with trailers, and must demonstrate specific road skills and maneuvering competency before being added to the camp's vehicular insurance and being approved to drive a camp vehicle. All passengers are required to wear seatbelts any time their vehicle is in motion. Risks of vehicular travel may include: collision (resulting in injury or death), loss of personal items (due to theft or break-in), and mechanical breakdown.
  
- Environmental risks and hazards include moving, deep, or cold water, insect bites or stings, lightning, flash floods, and unpredictable forces of nature (including weather which may cause extreme conditions without warning). Possible risks include hypothermia, frostbite, sunburn, heatstroke, drowning, and conditions that may be mild, serious, or deadly.

In consideration of the services of the Red Wing Family YMCA and Camp Pepin, its employees, affiliates, and all other associated persons or entities, I understand and acknowledge the risks stated above. I also further acknowledge the potential for other risks to occur that may be unforeseen and unstated.

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_