



Cincinnati Montessori Secondary Teacher Education Program

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ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the services of the CMStep, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, also known as Cincinnati Montessori Secondary Teacher Education Program ("CMStep"), its managers, agents, employees, and members, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (hereinafter collectively referred to as CMStep), I agree as follows:

Although CMStep has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, CMStep has informed me that these activities are not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity, and these inherent risks can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. The following describes some, but not all, of those activities:

CMStep training is an experiential learning experience, with course aspects designed to simulate essential elements of adolescent Montessori education. This means that adult learners in courses will engage in activities similar to what is typical in Montessori adolescent classrooms. Such activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Camping (including, but not limited to, fire building)
- Hiking
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Farming (including, but not limited to, animal care)
- Handcrafts (including, but not limited to, woodworking and needle crafts)
- Cooking
- Rock climbing
- Ropes Courses
- Service work, with locations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, or home visits possible

Adult learners will also be encouraged, though not required, to carpool with others. (Adult learners are always welcome to make their own ride arrangements.)

Some of the potential risks of these activities include, but are not limited to: Injury from equipment, personal property, or first aid not provided by CMStep; Limitations in a participant's physical condition; Encounters with wildlife; Negligence of CMStep or its agents, managers, employees, or members; Hazards, such as surface and subsurface ground conditions, adverse weather, and terrain; and the negligence and/or intentional conduct of other participants.

I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I have carefully read, do clearly understand, and do hereby accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives. I further agree as follows: 1. To waive my rights to sue the CMStep, its managers, members, employees, agents, successors, and assigns; and 2. To assume the risks set forth in this release, in addition to all other risks of the aforementioned activities; and 3. To indemnify and hold harmless CMStep, its managers, members, employees, agents, successors, and assigns, from any loss, claim, suit, or judgment, including, but not limited to, the costs of defending any such claims, including, attorneys fees, resulting from any injury, death, loss, or damage sustained or claimed by me or my personal representative.

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In the event any portion of this ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY shall be declared invalid, unenforceable or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Given under my hand this ____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ (Seal)

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Participant Initials: _____