

### Informed Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk

*To be completed by the Custodial Parent/Guardian for the child*

**All children must have written permission from a custodial parent/guardian in order to participate in activities or events hosted at Cheakamus Centre.**

**PARTICIPANT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL/GROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EVENT DATE(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

#### NATURE AND SCOPE OF RISKS

Cheakamus Centre's environment involves inherent risks that may be different or greater than those found in a normal school or environment. The environment and/or each activity has been designed to provide appropriate experiences and/or challenges given the age of the participants and the level of activity on site. Cheakamus Centre will strive to minimize risk of injury or harm to guests either participating in those activities or visiting its unique environment.

On-site activities involving risk include, but are not limited to: caving, low ropes challenge course, archery, canoeing, hiking, water and farm-based field studies, cooking over open fires including the use of hot rocks, and working with traditional tools. Some age-appropriate activities may also involve exploring sensitive content such as the effects of the residential school experience. Risks associated with these activities include but are not limited to: exposure to inclement weather, slipping, falling from a height, insect or animal bites, being struck by falling objects, immersion in cold water, injury from tool use, uneven terrain, walking alongside and in streams, social-emotional or economic losses due to actions of others, loss or damage of personal property, injury, illness, or death. Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur without any fault on the part of the participants, the Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) or its employees or contracted agents.

#### **Parent/Guardian and Participant Agreement:** *(Please review the following expectations with your child)*

We understand and agree that participation in Cheakamus Centre activities requires the Participant to:

- Share the responsibility for the safety of their self and others during all activities.
- Follow all instructions and directions of Cheakamus Centre staff. Failure to do so may result in removal from the activity or environment.
- Acknowledge the above risks and accept responsibility for all damages and loss resulting from their participation.
- If questions about the risks described above or pertaining to any other aspect of the program, we may contact Cheakamus Centre in advance
- This Agreement will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of British Columbia.

My signature below indicates that I understand and accept the risks involved in my child's participation in an activity or event at Cheakamus Centre, and I give my consent to his or her participation in the indicated activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Custodial Parent/Guardian Name**

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**Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*If the custodial parent/guardian is participating in the event or activity, please complete the [Adult Waiver Forms](#) provided by Cheakamus Centre.*