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Cheakamus Centre Service Learning Informed Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk

Purpose of the Program

The Service Learning program at Cheakamus Centre is a day program designed to provide training and service learning opportunities for Gr. 10-12 students. This program has been developed in response to the current suspension of the Outdoor School program and is intended to supplement volunteer outdoor leadership experiences while providing continuity with the Outdoor School Counsellor program. Students will visit Cheakamus Centre in small groups of up to 12 students, to complete hands on service learning tasks at the site.

Nature and Scope of Risks

Cheakamus Centre's outdoor learning environment involves inherent risks that may be different or greater than those found in a normal school setting. The Service Learning program has been designed to provide appropriate experiences and challenges given the age of the participants. Service learning tasks and activities will focus on the following areas:

- Farm and gardens
- Trails and Instructional spaces
- Salmon hatchery
- General site and facilities

Specific activities involving risk include, but are not limited to: highway travel, grounds and trail clearing, gardening, working in/around streams, travelling/working outside with students from different learning cohorts. Risks associated with these activities include but are not limited to: vehicle accident, exposure to inclement weather including ice and cold, slipping/falling on uneven terrain, insect or animal bites, being struck by falling objects, immersion in cold water, illness, social 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 student, the School Board or its employees or contracted agents.

Safety Precautions

- Supervising staff with 1st Aid training will be available onsite for the duration of the program. Parents/guardians are required to complete a Medical Form. *Note that 1st Aid Staff are not registered nurses and do not possess specialized training to manage serious medical conditions.*
- Physical distancing of 2 meters will be an expectation for students and staff and non-medical masks will be required during transportation and any time physical distancing is not possible
- As much time as possible will be spent outdoors in smaller groups (ie. 4-6 students)
- Students will be required to wash their hands before and after tasks; hand sanitizer will be provided when hand washing stations are not readily available
- Areas used by students will be cleaned and disinfected before and after each group of volunteer students. This includes workspaces, tools, high touch surfaces, washrooms and the vehicle used for transportation
- District transportation guidelines for bus travel during COVID-19 will be followed

Supervision and Expectations

Student volunteers will be supervised by program staff while onsite. In some cases, students will be expected to work in small groups in different areas around the centre with staff checking in periodically. If students are working outside of the main administrative area, they will be provided with radios to aid in communication. As volunteer leaders on a school-sponsored activity, students are expected to follow all school rules. In particular, students are reminded that the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products are strictly forbidden and will result in immediate removal from the program. In addition, students are expected to follow all staff instructions and be respectful of their peers and those adults supporting the program.

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All students must have written permission from a custodial parent/guardian in order to participate in educational programs offered at Cheakamus Centre.

Participant Name: _____ **School:** _____
Program Date: _____

I have read and fully understand the Informed Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk information that pertains to my son/daughter's participation in the Service Learning program at Cheakamus Centre. I am aware of the levels of supervision, inherent risks, expectations for behavior and existing safety precautions. I understand there will be consequences for non-compliance or unsafe behaviour, which may include, but not be limited to, my child being removed from the program.

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

We understand and agree that participation in the Service Learning Program requires the Participant to:

- Share the responsibility for the safety of their self and others during all activities and report any injuries or incidents to self or others to the Program Manager or Administrator at Cheakamus Centre
- Act in a responsible and respectful manner towards other students and staff members.
- Follow all instructions and directions of Cheakamus Centre staff. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.
- Acknowledge the above risks and accept responsibility for all damages and losses resulting from their participation.
- We may contact Cheakamus Centre in advance regarding questions about the risks described above or pertaining to any other aspect of the program.
- 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 participation as a participant in the Service Learning Program at Cheakamus Centre.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name	Student Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Custodial Parent/Guardian Name	Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Please complete and scan this form to Cheakamus Centre via email to odsleaders@sd44.ca. Hard copies of the form are to be handed in to the school counselling office.