

## Informed Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk

**\*Attention: A separate Informed Consent is required for both adult and child participants**

**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/GROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PROGRAM DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### NATURE AND SCOPE OF RISKS

Cheakamus Centre's learning environment involves inherent risks that may be different or greater than those found in a normal school setting. Each program has been designed to provide appropriate experiences and challenges given the age of the participants and program staff strive to minimize risk of injury or harm to participants.

On-site programming 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 programs 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 student, the School Board 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:

- Provide School Staff with the most accurate, up-to-date medical and dietary information prior to participation.
- Share the responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others during all activities.
- Follow all instructions and directions of Cheakamus Centre staff and visiting teaching staff. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.
- Acknowledge the above risks and accept responsibility for all damages and loss resulting from participation.

As a parent/guardian or adult participant, I may contact Cheakamus Centre in advance regarding questions about the risks described above or pertaining to any other aspect of the program.

My signature below indicates that I understand and accept the risks involved in my/my child's participation in an Educational Program at Cheakamus Centre, and I give my consent to their participation in the indicated activities.

*This Agreement will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of British Columbia.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Custodial parent/guardian NAME**  
or  
**Adult participant NAME**

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**Custodial parent/guardian SIGNATURE**  
or  
**Adult participant SIGNATURE**

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**Date signed**