

# SKY RANCH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

## LETTER TO SCHOOL

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Dear School,

Thank you so much for choosing Sky Ranch as the Outdoor Education experience for your students! Sky Ranch has been in operation for over 60 years and enjoys the reputation of being one of Texas' finest summer youth camps, serving over 7,000 children each season. Sky Ranch has been a long-trusted name in quality programming for children. The Outdoor Education program follows the same excellent tradition. For more information on the Sky Ranch Outdoor Education program, you can visit our website at <http://skyranch.org/outdoor-education>.

Now that your school has booked your trip, it is time to start the planning process. The purpose of this packet is to provide you with resources to make the trip planning process as easy as possible. From important "need-to-knows" to "tips and tricks" from vet schools, we hope you find this helpful!

This packet contains information you will want to know for planning your school's trip to trip to Sky Ranch. It includes:

- Teacher FAQ's and Emergency Contact Information
- Teacher Specific Packing List
- Tips and Tricks for Schools
- Sample Schedule
- Dining Hall Expectations
- Participant Agreement Form

Each school will be assigned a Sky Ranch Event Coordinator to assist with the planning of your trip. They will reach out to the school for initial contact upon the start of the planning process. They are also available for any additional questions you might have and will be available by phone or email leading up to the trip.

If you have any immediate questions regarding your school's trip to Sky Ranch, feel free to call the Sky Ranch toll-free number at 1-800-962-2267 or 903-266-3300 and ask for the School Programs Department. You can also reach the team directly:

**Chrisleigh Heller**  
**Director of School Programs**  
**903-266-3360**

**Josh Burns**  
**Lead Event Coordinator**  
**903-266-3387**

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## TEACHER FAQ

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#### **Does Sky Ranch provide a nurse for school trips?**

To assure students have immediate medical care available while they are here, each school is contracted and responsible for bringing a nurse or other first aid-trained individual. Should a guest need additional medical treatment, the schools are given directions to nearby medical facilities. For additional questions regarding medical needs of students, please contact Chrisleigh Heller at [chrish@skyranch.org](mailto:chrish@skyranch.org).

#### **Does Sky Ranch provide a space for the school nurse while on camp?**

During your trip, your school will be assigned a meeting room to serve as your headquarters space for the duration of your trip. This headquarters space is exclusively available to your school throughout the trip, and as a space for the nurse to be stationed as well. If requested, Sky Ranch will provide a locked metal cabinet to store medication either in headquarters or in the nurse's room. A mini-fridge can also be provided if any medications require refrigeration.

#### **How do students receive medication while on camp?**

All medicine will be turned into the school and administered by the school nurse who should be in attendance of the trip.

#### **What accommodations are available for dietary needs?**

To access and submit a dietary needs request form, please visit our website at <https://skyranch.org/pages/special-dietary-needs-form>

At Sky Ranch, our food service team prepares three primary meals per day during your stay. We are aware that there are many different and distinct dietary needs. We strive to accommodate all requests within reason. Insomuch as we routinely check our foods for allergens and even with the highest degree of diligence, there is still a small chance that food prepared for special diets may come in contact with restricted ingredients. We are accustomed to dealing with dietary needs such as: gluten, dairy, tree nut, and peanut allergies, diabetic, vegetarian, and vegan diets, as well as many other less common requests.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [FoodService@skyranch.org](mailto:FoodService@skyranch.org)

#### **Is Sky Ranch a peanut free facility?**

While Sky Ranch is not peanut free, we have limited the number of peanut products in our food. Menu alternatives can be provided in the case of severe food allergies. Designated peanut free tables can also be provided as needed. For further questions regarding allergies and food safety, please contact us at [FoodService@skyranch.org](mailto:FoodService@skyranch.org).

### **Will students need to bring money for camp?**

If the school chooses to select it as a part of their recreational time schedule, students will have the option to enter the Sky Café and Sky Ranch Corner Store. Items sold in these places range from traditional convenient store snacks and milkshakes to basic souvenirs such as post cards, stickers, or t-shirts. We recommend students bring anywhere starting from \$5-\$10 cash if they would like to take advantage of this time.

### **What is Sky Ranch's safety policy?**

Since 1955, Sky Ranch staff members have been trained to apply a consistent set of priorities to everything we do. We believe in the practice of "Safety First" so we make safety a part of our culture. Everything starts here.

Our safety covers staff hiring, emergency procedures, abuse prevention, activity safety, food safety, facilities, security, health care, and training for leading and working with guests.

For more information on Sky Ranch's safety policy, you can visit the website at <https://skyranch.org/pages/safety#school-programs>

### **When are water activities available?**

Weather permitting, water activities are available from April 1<sup>st</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>. If the air and water temperature do not meet the required safety standard, water activities will be closed for the day. While make-up activities are not guaranteed, your Event Coordinator will communicate with the school's Lead Teacher to arrange any make-up activities in the case of inclement weather.

### **Are lifeguards provided for water activities?**

Yes. Trained American Red Cross Lifeguards are posted at every water activity. Lifeguards are posted per the ratio requirements of the American Red Cross.

### **What happens in the case of bad weather?**

In the case of light rain, we will continue to hold classes and activities outdoors; however, in the case of inclement weather, all classes, rec time hours, and night events will be held indoors. Sky Ranch has created "rainy day" versions of all classes and night events. Our staff work to maintain a quality program and experience even when moving indoors. The Sky Ranch leadership team will be tracking and aware of all potential threatening weather conditions and can ensure you they are making a plan that will be communicated to the school's lead teacher and administration. In the case of bad weather, Sky Ranch has several safe areas for schools to take cover in along with radio communication available in every cabin in the case something was to come into effect during nighttime hours.

### **Does Sky Ranch teach religious content?**

The Sky Ranch School Programs department exists to support the educational development of all students from our partner schools. Sky Ranch's Outdoor Education programming serves as an extension of our partner schools and their selected educational curriculum. The instructional content is all in alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills; therefore, religious content is not incorporated into the trip. Private Christian schools may choose to incorporate faith into their programming.

### **What are the cabin accommodations?**

While visiting Sky Ranch, your school will be assigned a set of cabins to appropriately accommodate the specific number of students coming to camp. Schools will create and communicate cabin assignments to students and

chaperones. All room assignments will be gender specific and be based on the Sky Ranch recommended ratio. Sky Ranch requires a minimum of one adult per cabin.

All cabins are complete with heat, air conditioning, and fully functioning restrooms.

### **What should I pack for my time at Sky Ranch?**

For more information on packing, please reference the packing list included in the packet. We provide packing lists specific to parent chaperones, teachers, and students. Each of these packing lists are available on our website:

<https://skyranch.org/media/W1siZiZlsljwMTgvMDIvMjAvMWhvejM2dW9leF9QYWNaW5nX0xpc3QucGRml1d/Packing%20List.pdf>

### **Will my students have to participate in high ropes/challenge courses?**

If the school chooses to select it as a part of their recreational time schedule, students will have the option to participate in a range of ropes activities. At Sky Ranch, we operate under the “challenge by choice” mentality. Your students will be encouraged to participate in activities that challenge and push them out of their comfort zone, but only to a degree that they are ready for. Staff who lead challenge course activities are trained through an Association of Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) preferred vendor member. All challenge course elements and equipment are inspected annually by an Association of Challenge Course Technologies (ACCT) preferred vendor member.

### **Where do teachers stay while on camp?**

Teachers have a few options regarding accommodations. Teachers may stay in the same cabins as their students of the same gender. If teachers are unable to stay with students, there are 2 options depending on availability. An additional teacher cabin can be provided to schools needing a separate space for teachers to sleep. Teachers and administrators may also opt to stay in our upgraded lodge cabins. Lodge cabins have an additional fee of \$50 per room for the entire stay. Each lodge room features a queen-sized bed, one bunk bed, bedding, towels, a private bathroom, a chair, nightstand, and lamp.

### **Are golf carts available?**

Golf carts are available to rent for \$50 per golf cart per day. While golf carts are not a trip necessity, schools tend to enjoy having one for the sake of quick transportation across camp.

### **What is a camp coordinator?**

Upon arrival, your school will be assigned a camp coordinator. Your camp coordinator is one of our trained instructors who will be with your school for the entirety of your stay. He/She will serve as your main point of contact during your trip. He/She will check in with your lead teacher regularly, communicate pertinent information, meet any needs you may have, and coordinate the details of your trip once on camp.

### **What is the required ratio for adults:students?**

While Sky Ranch does not require a ratio while on camp, we recommend bringing 1 adult per 8 students.

### **Why is my student number on my invoice lower than my anticipated number of students attending?**

Your contract and deposit invoice are based on a guaranteed minimum that is about 10 less than your expected number of students. This gives you a cushion in case your numbers fluctuate any between booking and your trip. Your pre-trip invoice will reflect your expected number of students and adults. Your final invoice will reflect the actual number of students and adults you brought on your trip.

**What are the qualifications for a Sky Ranch instructor?**

Because of the unique educational environment provided at Sky Ranch, we devote a significant amount of effort to recruiting our instructional staff. Not only are staff members able to deliver educational content to students, they must do so in a manner that is highly relational and fun. We select individuals who are great communicators, love kids, and know how to have fun. All our instructors are full-time staff members and hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Through a unique relationship with Dallas Baptist University, our instructors will also be receiving a Master's degree after two years of teaching with the Outdoor Education Program.

**Once on camp, when can I meet with all my chaperones?**

After your arrival on camp, there will be a designated time for your camp coordinator to meet with your chaperones and teachers. During this time, they will explain Sky Ranch's rules and expectations, answer questions, and make announcements. This is a great time for teachers to meet with parents and make any necessary announcements.

**When will I receive the schedule for our trip?**

Approximately 2 weeks before your trip you will receive a preliminary schedule by email from your Event Coordinator. This schedule will reflect the selections made when you completed the trip questionnaire. Your schedule is subject to change up until your arrival on camp due to the ever-changing needs of camp. After your arrival, your teachers and chaperones will receive your school's finalized schedule during the chaperone and teacher meeting with your camp coordinator.

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## TEACHER PACKING LIST

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We recommend that guests bring comfortable, older clothes as they will spend much of their time exploring outdoors. Be sure to pack rain wear and warm coats for the cold nights and mornings as the schools will be outdoors. We always hope for good weather, but during light rain showers and cold weather, we will continue to hold class outside as long as there is no lightning, strong wind, or freezing weather.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING:** Illegal substances or anything that breaks easily or would cause loss if misplaced. *Sky Ranch is not responsible for lost or broken articles.*

#### **Please be sure to pack:**

- Closed toed shoes
- Sleeping bag OR sheets and a blanket
- Pillow and pillow case
- Towel, hand-towel, and wash cloth
- Raincoat or rain poncho
- Pajamas
- Brush, comb (other hair care products)
- Blue jeans/long pants
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Lounge chairs/fold out chairs
- Shorts (if the weather is warm)
- Soap
- Shampoo/conditioner
- T-shirts or tops
- Pencil or pen
- Undergarments
- Fleece hat
- Flashlight
- LABEL EVERYTHING

#### **Recommended by veteran teachers:**

- Walkie talkies for each cabin/teachers
- Power strip
- Kleenex box
- Hand towels or paper towels for bathroom

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## TEACHER TIPS & TRICKS

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Before you arrive:

- Please let your event coordinator know any preferences you may have regarding your trip. We will try to accommodate as many requests as we can.
- Please divide students into letter class groups BEFORE you arrive on camp.
- Make sure that students and chaperones know what cabin and class group they are in before arriving.
- Have Participant Agreements in a separate, easy to get to stack. You will turn them in upon your arrival at Sky Ranch. Make sure you have a participant agreement form completed and signed for each student and adult on the trip.
- Sky Ranch does not collect any medical information forms from schools. The lead teacher or nurse should keep any medical forms in the event of a medical need.
- Have students and chaperones label their luggage before arrival. Label should include name, cabin number, and school name.
- Campfire skits- If your school chooses Campfire as a night event, students will be asked to create a 2-3 minute skit with their cabin to perform at the event. It is helpful if students are aware of this before arriving at camp.
- Many schools find it helpful to bring walkie talkies for teachers to communicate with each other. Cell phone service is inconsistent, especially in the cabins. Walkie talkies allow cabins to communicate more easily.
- Create a group text for chaperones and teachers before arriving to better communicate information to all adults present on the trip. While cell phone service can be limited on camp, WiFi is available in the main camp buildings.

Journal pages:

- Be sure to have all journal pages printed before your trip for every class your students are taking.
- Sky Ranch updates these journal pages yearly. Please make sure students have the most up-to-date copies.
- Adding page numbers to journal pages helps students find the correct page more easily.
- Placing journal pages in a folder or on a clipboard makes filling out the pages easier.
- Attaching a pencil to the journal with yarn helps students to always have a pencil available.

## On Camp:

- After your arrival on camp, there will be a designated time for your camp coordinator to meet with your chaperones and teachers. During this time, they will explain Sky Ranch's rules and expectations, answer questions, and make announcements. This is a great time for teachers to meet with parents and make any necessary announcements.
- Ask parents to be present during Rec time- they can be assigned to a certain area or float between areas.
- The Corral is one of Sky Ranch's snack shops located inside the dining hall. It is optional for schools to utilize this during meals; however, it is the school's responsibility to keep kids out if you choose to not utilize it. Please let your Camp Coordinator know your preference.
- Students need to be prepared for the day when meeting at Headquarters each morning. They need their camp journal pages, pencil, water bottle, close toed shoes, and weather appropriate clothing.
- Parent chaperones are encouraged to be involved during class time, but to refrain from giving answers away to students. Our staff appreciate chaperone support especially when managing large groups of students.
- Students and chaperones need to be on time when meeting for class, meal times, night events, etc. Being on time helps our staff follow the schedule and ensure students get to experience everything Sky Ranch has to offer.
- See Dining Hall Expectations sheet for Dining hall rules and expectations.
- Ziplines- Please note that ziplining is an additional \$6 fee that will be included on your invoice. If you choose to select this as a rec time activity for students and choose to not collect money from students before coming out to camp, a teacher or chaperone from the school must be present to collect money at the bottom of the zipline. Bring change if you plan to collect money this way as Sky Ranch staff are unable to provide change or collect money from students. Following your assigned zipline time, money should be turned in to School Programs leadership to be applied to the school's invoice.
- The weight limit guideline for ziplines is 50-250 pounds.
- Students must be at least 8 years old to participate in trail rides.



# SAMPLE SCHEDULE

## SAMPLE SCHOOL ELEMENTARY

Your Dates

Camp Coordinator: Name

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
7:00		Rise and Shine	Rise and Shine
7:50		Headquarters	Headquarters
8:00		<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:30		<b>SkRazy</b>	<b>SkRazy</b>
9:00		<b>Class</b>	<b>Class</b>
		A: Class	A: Class
		B: Class	B: Class
		C: Class	C: Class
	11:00 - Arrival		10:00 - Teachers meet in OE Barn
12:00	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30	<b>SkRazy</b>	<b>SkRazy</b>	
1:00	<b>Class</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Depart</b>
	A: Class	A: Class	
	B: Class	B: Class	
	C: Class	C: Class	
4:15	See Rec Schedule We will need adult chaperones to be present during this time.	See Rec Schedule We will need adult chaperones to be present during this time.	
6:15	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
6:45	Night Event	Night Event	
10:00	<b>Lights Out</b>	<b>Lights Out</b>	

### Group Details

<b>Lead Teacher -</b>	<b>Name</b>	Cabins: 18, 19, 20, 22
Headquarters -	Bluebonnet	Teacher Cabin: 24
Campfire -	Canoe Beach	1 Golf Cart

Zone 1 - Mini Golf, Maze, Tether Ball, Basketball, Horseshoes, Frontier Town

Zone 2 - Gaga Pit, Tether Ball, Soccer, Field Sports

Zone 3 - Gaga Pit, Jumping Pillow, Sand Volleyball

Zone 4 - Activity Center

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## DINING HALL EXPECTATIONS

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Meals are a very important part of your experience at Sky Ranch. To ensure an enjoyable dining hall experience, we have provided the dining hall rules and expectations. These will be reviewed with you and your students upon arrival to camp.

- At Sky Ranch, our food service team prepares three primary meals per day during your stay. We are aware that there are many different and distinct dietary needs. We strive to accommodate all requests within reason. In so much as we routinely check our foods for allergens and even with the highest degree of diligence, there is still a small chance that food prepared for special diets may come in contact with restricted ingredients. We are accustomed to dealing with dietary needs such as: gluten, dairy, tree nut, and peanut allergies, diabetic, vegetarian, and vegan diets, as well as many other less common requests.

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If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [FoodService@skyranch.org](mailto:FoodService@skyranch.org)

- Please be on time when meeting for meals. Schools will meet with their instructors at a designated location then be led into the dining hall. Being on time helps our staff to best serve all groups on camp in a timely manner.
- The Corral snack shop located inside the dining hall is optional for schools during meals; however, it is the school's responsibility to prevent students from entering if you choose to not utilize it. Please let your camp coordinator know your preference.
- Adults will be dismissed for meals before students. We ask for chaperones to spread out at your school's designated tables. There should be at least one adult per table.
- Food is served cafeteria style in 2 food lines.
- Students or adults with dietary needs should inform the dining hall staff of their dietary needs as they go through the food line.
- If a guest is providing their own food due to specific dietary needs, a space in the cooler will be provided for storage for the duration of their stay at camp. Dining hall staff will assist in making personal food items available at each meal. Please make sure the cooler is labeled with the person's name, school name, and any special preparation instructions.

- The dining hall consists of long rectangular shaped tables. One table group is considered any length of rectangular table pieces that are connected. Only 4 students should be up from a table group at a time.
- Fruit, a salad bar, and peanut butter and jelly are available for guests at each meal.
- Guests may go back to the food line for seconds or thirds.
- Coffee and hot and iced tea are available for adults only.
- Sky Ranch staff will give a 5-minute warning before the end of each meal. Students will be responsible for clearing their own tables at this time.
- After tables are cleared, students and adults should remain seated until Sky Ranch staff make announcements and dismiss the entire school from the dining hall.

## SKY RANCH PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Group Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant/Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if Participant/Employee under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_

(For purpose of this Agreement, Participant/Employee and Parent/Guardian will be referred to collectively as "Participant.")

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in any activity at (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ Sky Ranches Inc. (Texas)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sky Ranch Cave Springs

\_\_\_\_\_ Sky Ranch Ute Trail

\_\_\_\_\_ Sky Ranch Horn Creek

(hereinafter "Sky Ranch"), Participant acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. **Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks.** Participant understands that Sky Ranch's activities range from mild to strenuous and, like all recreation, they include inherent and other risks and dangers which can cause loss or damage to personal property, physical or psychological damage and injury such as sprains, breaks, cuts, bruises, emotional trauma, illnesses, exposure to a communicable disease such as COVID-19, the novel SARS-2 coronavirus, or similar contagion, and the remote possibility of serious injury or death. Participant understands the activities and their risks. Participant acknowledges that Participant will be able to ask questions of Sky Ranch staff regarding risks or dangers associated with Sky Ranch's activities and environment (which may be the premises of a hosting church or school). Participant's participation in any activity is voluntary and Participant may decline to participate in any activity. Participant acknowledges and assumes all risks of participation in a Sky Ranch activity, inherent and otherwise, and whether or not described above or in the materials provided by Sky Ranch.

**COVID-19 Exposure:** *The spread of the novel SARS-2 coronavirus, and the COVID-19 illness that results from that viral infection, has become widespread during 2020 within the United States and across the world. While Sky Ranch takes numerous safety and cleaning precautions and follows federal, state and local government guidelines, restrictions and policies with respect to limiting the spread of the virus, this virus has been shown to be highly infectious and can be spread between people who are not even aware they have been infected. Therefore, Sky Ranch cannot guarantee that guests will not become exposed to the virus while at one of our events, nor that they will not become ill during or after such events due to such exposure. While it appears that most people, including most children, experience mild, if any, symptoms from COVID-19, the virus can cause severe medical issues and even death in certain people, and medical professionals are generally not accurately able to predict how a COVID-19 infection would affect any specific individual. At the current time, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") has noted that some of the people who are most vulnerable to severe reactions to the virus include: older adults, people with chronic or underlying cardio-pulmonary conditions (i.e., heart or lung issues), people with blood disorders (such as diabetes or kidney and liver issues), and people with other immunity-compromising conditions (such as those undergoing radiation or chemotherapy, those who are HIV positive, etc.). If you or your family members fit into any of these categories, or if you have any other medical concerns related to COVID-19, we strongly urge you to contact your doctor and discuss your individual situation with your personal doctor or medical professional before attending any Sky Ranch event. If warranted, we would ask you to consider not attending such event until you and your doctor are comfortable the unavoidable risks related to attending Sky Ranch events.*

2. **Activity Permission.** Participant understands and agrees that, in addition to traditional camping activities, Sky Ranch's activities include, but not limited to sports, crafts, inflatables, indoor/outdoor games and activities and traveling to the locations of various activities. Participant understands that by participating in these activities, Participant may be exposed to the elements of nature, including temperature extremes, inclement weather, insects, plants, animals and accidents or illness in a location without onsite medical facilities. Participant understands that Participant may be participating in strenuous activities that will have inherent and other risks or dangers associated with them. Participant understands that Participant may ask any questions of Sky Ranch staff to receive a full and complete understanding of any such risk or danger associated with any activity. Participant may decline to participate in any activity. Participant grants permission to participate in and be transported to all Sky Ranch activities unless specified in a written note to Sky Ranch. Participant agrees to follow all rules, guidelines, and equipment requirements for all activities as specified by Sky Ranch staff.

3. **Acknowledgement of Sky Ranch Purpose.** Participant acknowledges and understands that Sky Ranch is organized and operated exclusively for Christian purposes. We treat all guests with respect and dignity, regardless of their religion or beliefs and we request our guests respect our beliefs as stated in the Sky Ranch doctrinal statement while on Sky Ranch property or participating in Sky Ranch activities. Participants who engage in disrespectful or harmful behavior or who refuse to abide by the instructions provided by Sky Ranch staff, while on Sky Ranch property or participating in Sky Ranch activities are subject to removal from the property or program at Sky Ranch's discretion.

4. **AGREEMENTS OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY.** FURTHER, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A SKY RANCH ACTIVITY, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, PARTICIPANT RELEASES, AND AGREES NOT TO BRING ANY CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST SKY RANCH, ITS OWNERS, MANAGERS, EMPLOYEES, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, CONTRACTORS OR ANY RELATED PARTIES (THE 'RELEASED PARTIES') FOR LIABILITY OR CLAIMS OF ANY NATURE, INCLUDING LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, SUCH AS COVID-19, NOVEL SARS-2 CORONAVIRUS, OR SIMILAR CONTAGION, OR DEATH, SUFFERED BY PARTICIPANT IN ANY WAY RELATED TO PARTICIPANT'S ENROLLMENT, PARTICIPATION IN, OR TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO A SKY RANCH ACTIVITY. IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANT AGREES TO INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES (THAT IS DEFEND THEM, INCLUDING SATISFACTION OF LIABILITIES, COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES) FROM CLAIMS BROUGHT BY PARTICIPANT, MEMBERS OF PARTICIPANT'S FAMILY AND ANY OTHER PERSON ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN, OR TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO A SKY RANCH ACTIVITY. THE CLAIMS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THESE AGREEMENTS OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY INCLUDE THOSE ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY RELEASED PARTIES, EXCEPT NOT WHERE CAUSED BY ANY GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. THE ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO BE COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY INCLUDE ACTIVITIES ON OR OFF SKY RANCH PREMISES, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SKY RANCH ACTIVITIES AND ON THE SKY RANCH GROUNDS OR ANY PREMISES UTILIZED BY SKY RANCH FOR ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

5. **No Tobacco Products or Use of Alcohol, Marijuana, Fireworks, Firearms, or Illegal Drugs.** The use of tobacco products (smoking cigars, cigarettes, vapes, e-cigarettes, pipes, or smokeless tobacco) and using or having alcohol, marijuana, fireworks, firearms, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited on camp and/or in camp facilities at all times.

6. **Injury/Illness.** Should Participant become ill or injured while participating in a Sky Ranch activity, parents/guardians will be notified if, at the sole discretion of Sky Ranch staff, such notification is necessary. Notification is usually reserved for emergency situations. Parent/Guardian may contact Sky Ranch if at any time a parent/guardian has a question or concern regarding the health status or safety of Participant.

7. **Medical Costs.** Participant understands that Participant and its health insurer are primarily responsible (i.e. 'primary'), while the Sky Ranch policy is secondary for any required medical services that Sky Ranch's staff and facilities cannot accommodate. These services include (but are not limited to) prescriptions, x-rays, physical therapy, lab work, dental and orthodontia work and emergency room visits. Participant is also responsible for the cost of any emergency transportation by ambulance or air flight.

8. **Medical Release.** Participant understands that Sky Ranch is not obligated to provide on-site medical care or facilities. In the event that Sky Ranch does provide on-site medical care or facilities, Participant gives permission to the medical personnel selected by Sky Ranch to provide routine healthcare, to administer medications, both over the counter and prescriptions, to order x-rays and routine tests, to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for Participant. Participant authorizes Sky Ranch or its designees to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for Participant. In the event that Sky Ranch does not provide on-site medical care or facilities, it is the responsibility of the Group Sponsor to provide adequately trained medical personnel, adequate supplies as well as permission to treat Participants. In the event of an emergency, Participant gives permission to the medical personnel selected by Sky Ranch to provide routine healthcare, to administer medications, both over the counter and prescriptions, to order x-rays and routine tests, to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for Participant if Group Sponsor cannot be located in the event of an emergency. Participant authorizes Sky Ranch or its designees to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for Participant. Guest Services can provide information regarding the availability of on-site medical care upon request. Please contact our office at GuestServices@skyranch.org or by calling 903-266-3300.

9. **HIPAA & TMRPA Authorization.** IN THE EVENT THAT THE PARTICIPANT REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AN ACTIVITY AT SKY RANCH, PARTICIPANT AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS EACH COVERED ENTITY (AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED BY HIPAA AND TMRPA 181.001) TO DISCLOSE TO SKY RANCH ANY AND ALL PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION ('PHI') THAT SKY RANCH MAY REQUEST. PARTICIPANT ALSO AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS EACH COVERED ENTITY, TOGETHER WITH ITS EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AGENTS, TO DISCUSS PARTICIPANT'S PHI WITH SKY RANCH AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPANT'S PHI THAT SKY RANCH MAY ASK, WHETHER OR NOT PARTICIPANT IS INCAPACITATED AT THE TIME. **THIS AUTHORIZATION IS VOLUNTARY AND IS ONLY VALID DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME WHEN PARTICIPANT IS PARTICIPATING IN AN ACTIVITY AT SKY RANCH.** NOTHING IN THIS AUTHORIZATION ALLOWS FOR SKY RANCH TO REQUEST PHI CONTAINING MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION, HIV/AIDS-RELATED INFORMATION, DRUG, ALCOHOL, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT INFORMATION, OR GENETIC (INHERITED) DISEASES OR TESTS (COLLECTIVELY, 'SPECIAL INFORMATION') AND PARTICIPANT SPECIFICALLY DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY OF THESE TYPES OF SPECIAL INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED, USED, OR DISCUSSED TO OR WITH SKY RANCH. PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDS THAT HE/SHE MAY REVOKE THIS AUTHORIZATION EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BASED ON THIS AUTHORIZATION. PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE PHI USED OR DISCLOSED UNDER THIS AUTHORIZATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO RE-DISCLOSURE BY SKY RANCH, AND THE PHI ONCE DISCLOSED MAY NO LONGER BE PROTECTED BY HIPAA, THE RULES PROMULGATED UNDER HIPAA, AND THE TMRPA.

10. **Use of Personal Information/Images.** Participant gives Sky Ranch permission to make visual images (photographs, movies, videos) and audio recordings of Participant and to use such visual images and audio recordings on the Sky Ranch website, in printed or electronic materials, or in other audio or visual communications, and Participant releases Sky Ranch from any and all liability related thereto. Sky Ranch will keep any and all personal information regarding Participant confidential and will not disclose or utilize it for any purposes other than Sky Ranch's internal records and marketing purposes.

11. **Applicable Venue and Law.** Any lawsuit, litigation, or dispute of any nature arising out of this agreement or as a result of participant's participation in a Sky Ranch activity shall be brought in the courts of Smith County, Texas. Furthermore, the laws of the state of Texas shall govern and control any such lawsuit, litigation, or dispute between participant and Sky Ranch or any related or released party. Participant hereby consents to venue in Smith County, Texas and to the governing authority of Texas law for any lawsuit, litigation, or dispute of any nature arising out of this agreement or as a result of participant's participation in a Sky Ranch activity, regardless of where this agreement is executed or performed or where such Sky Ranch activity may occur.

12. **Modification.** No amendment of this Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the parties.

13. **Waiver.** No waiver of satisfaction of a condition or a failure to comply with an obligation under this Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party granting the waiver, and no such waiver will constitute a waiver of satisfaction of any other condition or failure to comply with any other obligation.

14. **Severability.** The parties intend as follows: (a) that if any provision of this agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then that provision will be modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it enforceable, unless that modification is not permitted by law, in which case that provision will be disregarded; (b) that if an unenforceable provision is modified or disregarded according to this Section 14, then the rest of the agreement will remain in effect as written; and (c) that any unenforceable provision will remain as written in any circumstances other than those in which the provision is held to be unenforceable.

15. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all other agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE POLICIES, CONSENTS, PERMISSIONS, ASSUMPTIONS OF RISK AND AGREEMENTS OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. FURTHER, I HAVE READ THE HIPAA & TMRPA AUTHORIZATION PROVISION AND AGREE TO THE USES AND DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED.**

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Printed Name of Participant/Employee

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Signature of Participant/Employee

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Date

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

**IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF A MINOR PARTICIPANT, I AM PROVIDING THE EXPRESS AUTHORITY OF MY CO-PARENT, CO-GUARDIAN, OR ANY OTHER PARTY WHOSE CUSTODIAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES COVER THE MINOR PARTICIPANT ON WHOSE BEHALF I AM ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT.**