# RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Each United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center ("Camp") in the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church offers a variety of services and voluntary activities designed to enrich the camping or retreat experience. These services and voluntary activities may include, without limitation, the provision of food, lodging and transportation, as well as the sponsorship of challenging and educational activities often associated with camping and the outdoors, such as hiking, boating, swimming, campfires, fishing, low and high rope courses, horseback riding, archery, rock climbing, wall climbing, tree climbing and repelling. Special camps offer special educational opportunities (e.g., a plane ride at the Air Show Camp). Both participants and staff members (including volunteers) may have the opportunity to participate in one or all of these activities.

While each Camp will endeavor to assure the safety of its participants and staff members, there are unavoidable risks of injury – and even death – associated with camping and its related services and activities. **Consequently, a properly executed Release of Liability is required before anyone may attend a Camp or Retreat as either a participant or a staff member.** Such a Release of Liability is set forth below. If you are a prospective participant or staff member under eighteen years of age, one of your parents or your legal guardian must print his or her name below and then sign and date the line designated "Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant or Staff Member". If you are a prospective participant or staff member eighteen years of age or older, you must print your name below and then sign and date the line designated "Adult Participant or Staff Member." You are encouraged to consult an attorney if you have any questions about the meaning of this document. If you have any questions about the services or activities provided at any Camp you should contact the Office of Camp, Conference & Retreat Ministries at 515-283-1996, ext. 146.

## Person Signing:

*(print neatly the appropriate name as described above, either parent or guardian of participant or staff under 18, or participant or staff 18 and older)*

By signing below, I **(Print)**

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acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I have read and understand the risks summarized above and acknowledge that the activities in which I may engage can be dangerous and can involve risk of serious injury or death. I also acknowledge that not all potential risks associated with all camp or retreat activities or services are listed herein but are reasonably foreseeable;

2. I understand that my participation in camp activities and receipt of camp services is voluntary and I may decline to participate in any activity or service offered. I further understand that it is my obligation and responsibility to continually look out for any conditions or circumstances that may be unsafe. If at any time I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately notify a camp official and, if necessary, immediately leave the area or stop participating in the event which I feel may be unsafe;

3. I understand that in order to participate in certain offsite camp activities I may be transported in a licensed, insured vehicle of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church or in some instances a privately owned vehicle;

4. I understand that in the case of a medical need not requiring onsite emergency medical treatment I may be transported in a licensed, insured vehicle of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church or in some instances a privately owned vehicle;

5. **In consideration of attending a United Methodist Camp(s) as a participant or staff member, I expressly assume the risks of such attendance. Further, for myself and on behalf of my executors, administrators and heirs, I release and hold the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) I attend, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims, suits or liability arising in any way from my attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) for injury to my person or property or my death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals to the fullest extent allowed by law, it being the intention of the parties for this release to be as broad and inclusive as allowed by law;**

6. **In consideration of my child's or ward's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) as a participant or staff member, I, for myself and on behalf of my minor child or ward and his or her executors, administrators and heirs, give permission to my minor child or ward to participate in any of the activities offered at such camp, subject to the limits identified on the Camper Health History & Authorization Form attached hereto and release and hold the Iowa Annual Conference of the Untied Methodist Church and the United Methodist Camp(s) my child or ward attends, including the owners, trustees, officers, employees, agents and volunteers of these entities, harmless from any and all claims, suits or liability arising in any way from the child's or ward's attendance at a United Methodist Camp(s) for injury to my child or ward or his or her property or his or her death caused by the negligence of these entities and/or individuals to the fullest extent allowed by law, it being the intention of the parties for this release to be as broad and inclusive as allowed by law.**

## Signed:

*If participant or staff member is **under age 18:***

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Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant or Staff Member — Date

**or**

*If participant or staff is **18 or older**:*

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Adult Participant or Staff Member — Date

2005/01/27

**Printed Name of Participant or Staff Member:** _____