# NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND CONSENT FORM

# PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

PLEASE REVIEW AND COMPLETE THIS FORM PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED, ORGANIZED, ARRANGED, SPONSORED OR AUTHORIZED BY SKEENAWILD CONSERVATION TRUST (SKEENAWILD)

Name of Parent / Guardian	First		Last	
Contact Information	Tel	Email		
Name of Participant	First	Last		Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

The "Activities" offered by SkeenaWild will include but are not limited to: lake, river and ocean rafting, canoeing and kayaking; stand-up paddle boarding; high and low ropes courses; zip lines; rock climbing; tree climbing; hiking; backpacking; backcountry camping, including the use of camp stoves and campfires; orienteering; mountain biking; cycling; nature study; snowshoeing; swimming; instructional courses; transportation; food & beverage; water supply; rescue & first aid services; and accommodation.

#### **BENEFITS & RISKS**

The activities offered by SkeenaWild are designed to pose appropriate challenges for participants. The enjoyment and educational benefits derived from these activities are, in part, a result of the risks inherent in them. Participation benefits include developing self-confidence, leadership, teamwork, and interpersonal skills, exposure to outdoor recreation activities, and nature education. While SkeenaWild strives to manage risk, eliminating all risk is neither possible nor desirable.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

The Activities may take place in terrain that is uncontrolled, unmarked, and not inspected and participation in the Activities involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: variable weather conditions, including storms, high wind, lightning; accidents which occur during transportation or travel to and from activity locations; travel over extreme, mountainous or alpine terrain where fallen timber, branches, rocks, roots, logs, loose gravel or other obstacles or hazards, steep slopes or unstable ground may cause slips and falls; travel on, through or beside snowfields, glaciers, crevasses, streams, creeks, rivers, ponds and lakes; difficulty or inability to control one's speed and direction; variation in steepness in terrain; rapid or uncontrolled acceleration on hills and inclines; rock slides and rockfall; equipment failure; all water hazards including rocks, sweepers, strainers and currents; cold water immersion; hypothermia; drowning; miscellaneous health problems related to over-exposure to the sun, effects of high altitude, insect bites, fatigue, stress, dehydration, exertion and lack of fitness; food poisoning; encounters with domestic animals including dogs, and wildlife, including bears and cougars; failure to act safely or within one's own ability or stay within designated areas; becoming lost or separated from the instructor or party; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact.

## **RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

Initial of Parent:

- Participation in the Activities is voluntary. All participants are required to follow all rules of the activities and the
  instructions and directions of SkeenaWild staff. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.
- Additional information regarding the Activities can be reviewed at skeenawild.org
- This Agreement will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

I HAVE READ THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS NOTICE AND UNDERSTAND THE RISKS DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES. I HAVE EXPLAINED THESE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS TO MY CHILD (PARTICIPANT) AND I CONSENT TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES.

Date:	Signature of Parent/Guardian