



FAMILY CAMP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK & ASSUMPTION OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Each day of the Wildwood experience is filled with fun and adventure. Camp provides an ideal setting for enjoying new activities in a well-supervised, safe, supportive environment.

Mass Audubon staff members make every effort to conduct safe programs, to orient and support campers, and to inform families of inherent risks. Some activities at Wildwood may involve risks that campers do not routinely encounter at home. This document is an effort to apprise you of our continued interest in our participants' safety and to seek your cooperation.

Risk Management is an essential element of all the activities that we offer. Our standard precautions include conducting our programs in a manner consistent with the practices and procedures recommended by the American Camp Association (ACA) and other professional organizations. The Wildwood program is accredited by ACA. We use specific criteria for staff selection, provide thorough staff training and supervision, establish policies and procedures, report and review incidents, and conduct independent reviews of our programs. We maintain a health center with first aid equipment and supplies, and staff members are trained to provide assistance. (A registered nurse is not in residence during family sessions.) A pediatric practice is on call for consultation and emergencies. Hospital facilities are located in nearby Peterborough, NH, at the Monadnock Community Hospital. While we anticipate that these efforts will ensure the well-being of each participant, we are also aware that it is neither possible to foresee every contingency nor to eliminate all risk.

Wildwood's program activities may include, but are not limited to: walking on uneven terrain, playing active games, traveling in Mass Audubon owned or leased vehicles, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, hiking and backpacking, using camp stoves and open camp fires, using the ropes/challenge course that may include both high and low rope elements, and other outdoor activities. The attendant risks associated with these program activities include, but are not limited to, collision, capsizing, burns, and falling. Environmental risks include, but are not limited to, inclement and unpredictable weather, falling objects, insect bites, hypothermia, sunburn, allergic reactions, confrontation with wild animals, and other injuries or illnesses. Other risks may be inherent in camp activities.

Personal Choice is a key element in Wildwood's program. Campers have the opportunity to choose activities in which they are interested. Wildwood staff will encourage campers to participate in activities that may challenge them, but campers will not be required to participate in activities in which they are not comfortable.

To ensure that you and your family understand the kinds of activities and risks involved in the Wildwood program, we ask parents/guardians to review this Acknowledgement of Risk & Assumption of Personal Responsibility with your family and sign this form on the opposite side to confirm that you have read this document and acknowledge and accept the risks involved in Wildwood camp programs.

We look forward to an enjoyable, safe program with your family! Please call Wildwood's office at (781) 259-2183 or (866) MAS-CAMP if you have any questions.



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***Please review with all participants in Family Camp,
and have a parent/guardian sign below.***

I understand and certify that my family's participation in the Wildwood program and its activities is completely voluntary, and that I have become familiar with the program activities in which my family group may participate (a summary is printed on the reverse of this page).

I understand that participation by my self, my children, and other children attending Wildwood under my supervision (the "Family Group"), in the Wildwood program and its activities can expose my Family Group to the risks described above. I acknowledge that such risks exist, and I hereby agree on behalf of my Family Group to assume such risks. Further, on behalf of the Family Group, I hereby release and forever discharge and covenant and agree not to sue, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc., and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Releasees"), and each of them, from and against and in regard to any and all claims, liabilities, and obligations of every kind and description, which I shall or may have against the Releasees or any one or more of them arising out of, or in connection with, my Family Group's participation in the Wildwood program and its activities, including, but not limited to, those for any personal injury or property damage that my Family Group may suffer while participating in the Wildwood program and its activities.

In addition, I understand and agree on behalf of my Family Group that the members of my Family Group share the responsibility for safety during Wildwood's program activities, and personally assume on behalf of my Family Group that responsibility. I agree on behalf of my Family Group that all its members will comply with the instructions and directions of the Releasees during all aspects of the Wildwood program and its activities.

X

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Print Name