

CAMPER NAME: _____ SESSION: _____ **RETURN BY MAY 1, 2008**
(yellow form, two pages)



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 a registered nurse in residence during non-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. Some Teen Trek programs also include, but are not limited to: bicycling, rock-climbing, and open water kayaking. 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 camper 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 camper 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 summer with your camper! Please call Wildwood's office at (781) 259-2183 or (866) MAS-CAMP if you have any questions.

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I understand and certify that my camper'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 camper may participate (a summary is printed on the reverse of this page).

I understand that participation by my camper in the Wildwood program and its activities can expose my camper to the risks described above. I acknowledge that such risks exist, and I hereby agree on behalf of my camper to assume such risks. Further, on behalf of my camper, 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 camper's participation in the Wildwood program and its activities, including, but not limited to, those for any personal injury or property damage that my camper may suffer while participating in the Wildwood program and its activities.

In addition, I understand and agree on behalf of my camper that my camper shares the responsibility for safety during Wildwood's program activities, and personally assume on behalf of my camper that responsibility. I agree on behalf of my camper that my camper 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