

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Catlin Gabel School Challenge Course

Student name: _____

Nature of the Challenge Course:

The Catlin Gabel School Challenge Course sits on the hillside east of the track and soccer field. The wood, cable, and rope course is strung between trees with platforms just above the ground and high in the air. The challenge course has four high elements and eight low elements. These elements combine vertical and horizontal obstacles, designed to challenge the comfort zone of students, require them to problem-solve in groups, and in some instances challenge them physically. Four of the elements involve traversing wires or structures that are more than 20 feet off the ground. Students in these elements will be belayed by teams of students as they negotiate the challenges above. Eight of the elements are “low” elements and require the group to sort out challenges while not more than two or three feet off of the ground. Students will have many opportunities to participate in challenge course sessions, whether it be through sports teams, global education groups, academic classes, clubs, or C&Cs.

The course was designed and built according to national guidelines and standards. Catlin Gabel faculty and staff members have been trained in the operation and safety of the individual elements, and a certified facilitator supervises all activities on the challenge course.

It is possible that injuries could occur as a result of using the challenge course. Students may be injured from falling from the challenge course; crashing into other obstacles (or other students); suffering rope abrasions, entanglement, and other injuries that could result from activities or other persons including but not limited to climbing, rappelling, and belaying; getting cuts or splinters resulting from contact with the course equipment; equipment failure; falling equipment or participants; and others’ negligence. This list is not exclusive. The extent of possible injuries include serious physical injuries, permanent disability or death.

Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Claims:

I have read and understand the nature of the activities for the Challenge Course. I understand that student participation in the Challenge Course is voluntary and while participation is encouraged, it is not a mandatory part of a student’s education or required by Catlin Gabel School for any other reason. I also understand that the facilitators are trained staff and faculty from the school.

I have read and I understand that participation in the Challenge Course involves some inherent and other risks, known and unknown. My child chooses to participate nevertheless, and I acknowledge and voluntarily assume the risks of my child doing so.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in the Challenge Course, I release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Catlin Gabel School, its agents, officers, trustees,

employees and the Challenge Course leaders from any and all claims, loss, damages, or actions for property damage, injury and/or death arising out of my child's participation in the Challenge Course, to the fullest extent permitted by current state and federal law. This release includes claims for negligence but not intentional misconduct. This release is governed by Oregon law.

In case of accident, illness or other incapacity, I agree to be responsible for and to pay medical and/or EMS transportation expenses, whether or not authorized by me in advance.

If any portion of this agreement is found by a court or other tribunal to be unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement nevertheless will remain in full force and effect.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date _____

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FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL/UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT:

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I understand there are inherent risks that cannot be eliminated from challenge course activities. I have read and I understand that the Challenge Course involves some inherent and other risks, both known and unknown. I understand the risks and choose to participate nevertheless. I acknowledge and voluntarily assume the risks of doing so.

If 18 years of age or older: In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Challenge Course, I release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Catlin Gabel School, its agents, officers, trustees, employees and the Challenge Course leaders from any and all claims, loss, damages, actions for property damage, bodily injury or death, to the fullest extent permitted by current state and federal law. This release includes claims for negligence but not intentional misconduct. This release is governed by Oregon law. If any portion of this agreement is found by a court or other tribunal to be unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement nevertheless will remain in full force and effect.

Student signature: _____ Date _____ Age _____