



REGISTRATION FORM Behaviour & Maturity Agreement

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WESTERN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES INCORPORATED Hereinafter referred to as: "WEA".

PARTICIPANT: _____ **PARENT/GUARDIAN(S):** _____

THE PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) Hereinafter referred to as the: "PARENT".

INCLUSION PLAN Hereinafter referred to as the: "Plan".

This agreement outlines WEA's general behaviour and maturity requirements for our camps and programs. Some children may not be able to accomplish all the skills listed below but can likely still participate in our programs. If you feel your child does not possess some of these skills or if you are unsure, please **CONTACT US PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR A WEA PROGRAM**. If WEA deems it necessary, WEA will work with families to come up with a Plan (Inclusion Plan) that sets your child up for success in our program. The Plan must be agreed to by WEA and your family prior to registration. Children who have registered and do not have this Plan, may be held to all or part of this general behaviour and maturity agreement at WEA's sole discretion.

To participate in a WEA program, children without an approved Plan should be able to:

1. Go to the bathroom on their own, without help or prompting.
2. Eat lunch/snacks, drink water, wear a hat and apply sunscreen by themselves without adult help most of the time. The occasional reminder from an adult is totally ok.
3. Change their clothes without assistance and in a timely manner.
4. Be willing to change their clothes and go to the bathroom in wilderness environments where facilities do not exist. WEA staff can provide plenty of support/coaching. It's a skill anyone can learn easily!
5. Pack-up their own bag and be generally responsible for their own gear and clothing within a timely manner.
6. Listen and comply with most instructions from WEA staff. Some reminders are totally OK.
7. Respect others and try to avoid detracting from the experience of others most of the time.
8. Be willing to participate in/try all the activities offered during the program.
9. Understand that during most WEA programs, there isn't enough time to do all the activities WEA offers. As such, youth vote as a group on activity choices, schedules, etc. Children need to be prepared for disappointment if the group chooses something contrary to what they wanted. That said, WEA does its best to manage these situations.
10. Understand that the weather and group dynamics may affect certain activities that have been planned.
11. Be OK with being in a camp program with other children of varying ages. We believe that having a mix of ages offers more learning and acceptance of diversity. Many of our programs have two age groups integrated together. For



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example, the 9-12- & 6-8-year-olds in the same group. However, we do ensure there is a minimum number of older youth in our Programs.

12. Have a basic level of risk awareness and make safe decisions most of the time.
13. Behave in a safe manner while in transit on our bus.
14. Communicate their needs with WEA staff.
15. Communicate with WEA staff about any issues, behaviours or incidents they are feeling unsafe or uncomfortable about. WEA believes that self advocacy is an important life skill!
16. To walk at least 1-2km per day in a reasonable amount of time.
17. Be on no devices at any time during the Program. Participants are not allowed electronic devices in any of our programs under any circumstances. Kids need some space and time away from electronics!

Additional Terms, Considerations and Notes:

1. Food, water and sunscreen, etc. WEA staff will typically remind children 2-3 times per day to apply sunscreen. WEA staff will typically point out good times to eat food or drink water. It is up to the child to comply and/or decide when or if they do this. We try our best to help teach children these skills throughout the week. WEA understands that younger children will not have all of these skills initially but will likely have them by the end of the camp.
2. Children will be given several opportunities to adjust their behaviour to meet these terms. However, eventually if they are not able to adapt, they may be removed from WEA's program without a refund at WEA's sole discretion. Children that hit or physically hurt any other person will be immediately removed from the program with no refund.
3. Swimming Policy - As we swim in wilderness locations, we require all youth under the age of 9 to wear a lifejacket while swimming. Children over the age of 9 must have a swimming ability of level 5 or higher. We want to keep your kids safe and having fun!
4. Program Concerns – While most of the time kids thrive in our programs, sometimes things don't go perfectly. Occasionally a child may go home and share a concern or a complaint with their parent, guardian, etc. It can be hard for this adult to discern between a kid that just had a bad day, if there is a legitimate issue or somewhere in between. As such, if a child has any concerns, complaints, feedback or otherwise about any WEA program, staff, etc., they will need to be involved in the resolution process. This means that the child will need to be on the phone/online meeting platform or in person with a parent and WEA staff and actively involved in the resolution conversation (with support). The child will need to explain what has happened and what their concerns are. This approach allows the person who is actually having the issue (the child) to learn valuable communication skills. It also allows them to be heard and makes it way easier for all involved adults to understand the full picture.
5. Participant Review – As a Parent, you agree to read through this entire document with the Participant (your child) and ensure they fully understand it.



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By signing and submitting this registration form, the Participant/Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the Participant acknowledge having read and agreed to the above Behaviour & Maturity Agreement.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I am nineteen (19) years of age or older.

Signature of Participant/Parent or Guardian

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian