



140 Betsey Cox Lane, Pittsford, Vermont 05763 * www.campbetseycox.com*

Assumption of Risk/Responsibility, Permission to Participate For parents and campers

Many of the activity areas at Camp Betsey Cox entail some degree of risk beyond what campers normally encounter in their lives at school and at home. Betsey Cox does its best to minimize that risk wherever possible by purchasing and maintaining good equipment and hiring well-trained and experienced staff. We take seriously our compliance with American Camping Association Accreditation Standards. We maintain a low camper staff ratio in camp. Out-of-camp trips are supervised by a leader who is trained and experienced at the level necessary for that trip. Trip leaders are trained in First Aid and CPR, and all swimming trips include a certified Lifeguard. And while our best efforts to anticipate and prevent accident and illness reduce this risk, the potential for serious injury does exist.

Activities such as individual and team sports, and large and small group games, and use of the high and low ropes courses involve risk of physical injury. There is risk inherent in swimming and in travel by canoe, kayak, sailboat, and on bicycles and horses, both at camp and in remote settings. Many of our trips involve auto transportation, which carries its own levels of risk. There is some risk in crafts activities, all of which involve working with tools. The farm and horse riding activities involve working with animals - horses, cows, chickens, sheep, pigs, and other farm animals, and also involve some risk.

As a **parent of a camper** in Betsey Cox's program:

I hereby acknowledge that risk exists in most portions of the camp program. I authorize my child to participate, at a level appropriate to her skill and experience, in all the activities listed in the printed materials, and in those similar and related games and events and trips which may occur, but are not specifically named. I understand that day trips and overnights will be out of contact with the camp, and in the event of injury or severe illness, we depend on the emergency training of our staff. I also understand that because Betsey Cox wants to teach independence and the integrity of the outdoor experience, and because cell phones often do not work effectively in the mountains of Vermont, we do not depend on cell phones for emergency help, and only long-distance trips will carry them. I understand that special programs such as rock climbing, if offered, will be conducted by professional guides under contract with the camp, and may require a separate signed release/waiver for my child's participation.

Parents/guardian signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As a **camper participant** in Betsey Cox's program,

I agree to abide by the rules and requirements set forth for the daily program and facilities at camp, as well as any requirements specific to a trip or activity. I understand that my personal safety is partly my own responsibility, and I hereby acknowledge and assume the responsibility for understanding and following the safety procedures for any activities, programs, and trips in which I'm involved.

Camper Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please sign and include this form with the green health form.