

**Bethel Lutheran Church      Winchester Virginia**  
**Growing Deeper in Faith and Wider in Love**

**Annual Youth Permission August 1 to July 31**

THIS IS A FRONT AND BACK TWO PAGE MULTI-DAY, MULTI-EVENT  
PERMISSION, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT.  
READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I hereby give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate and attend the youth programs, activities, retreats and mission events of the Winchester Bethel ELCA church and I agree to comply with the expectations of youth and adults and these terms and conditions.

I agree to assume the risks and recognize the inherent dangers of that come with these events on behalf of my child. I agree that risks change daily, and absolve all individuals except myself and my child of responsibility.

I understand that youth events carry inherent risks of horseplay by others and risks that cannot be articulated or foreseen. Outdoor activities may include water activities, swimming, hiking with steep angles, altitude changes and severe weather and may include risky amusement park experiences. All activities include a likely encounter with God and the blessings that flow from prayer.

I understand that traveling by car, bus, plane, train, hiking, swimming, rafting, jumping into water, all lake activities, being in the woods include risks of serious personal injury of all types, broken bones, drowning, head injury, death, hypothermia, falls, body part breakage, injury by others, travel risks and unpleasant people who have not yet encountered Jesus.

I agree/do not agree (pick one) that my child may ride home with other youth that are under the age of 21 and that my child and myself take personal responsibility for these choices.

I release, hold harmless and exempt Winchester Bethel Lutheran Church, its members, advisors, adults, drivers, volunteers, leaders, and all affiliates from all liability from any injury, death, property loss, property damage, or other damages that may result from my child's participation in any and all associated events with the youth programs, including all forms of travel.

I give permission to have my child hospitalized and further grant permission for emergency surgery or care to be performed if necessary, and consent to the adults on this trip to make the decisions and call in my absence if I cannot promptly be reached, and I hereby grant this authority.

I acknowledge and agree my child is physically, emotionally and mentally mature enough to handle the rigors of the programs in which I enroll them. My child can do all of the events well, handle themselves appropriately, has no medical problems that would in any way limit his or her participation, has familiarity with personal responsibility, self care and control, and group settings. My child will be polite, have good manners at all times, treat others with respect and live and abide by the Ten Commandments.

I have had the opportunity to have all my questions answered regarding any event or program offered by Winchester Bethel, to investigate the plans, and am fully satisfied with the event prior to allowing my child to participate.

Further, I agree I will not harass, badger or bully the adult volunteers who are advising any event. They will be treated with respect at all times.

There will be no alcohol, controlled substances without a valid prescription, or misuse of any medication on any church event. There will be no illegal activities on any church event. I will give written notice to the activity director about any medical needs and for the administration of any controlled substance.

We agree that God's love and the teachings of Jesus shall govern all behavior associated with Bethel Winchester's youth events.

Both parents must sign:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parental Signature (if under 18) Date Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parental Signature (if under 18) Date Printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number where a parent can be reached

I agree with the terms of this statement and I promise to abide by these terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature Date Printed name