

School Name
Parent/Guardian Field Studies Consent Form
School Address
School Phone Number

Teacher: Joel Nelson Administrator: Joel Nelson

Teacher's Signature: _____ Administrator's Signature: _____

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of: _____ Grade/Division: Grade 8

The purpose of this form is to inform you about a proposed field studies involving our child, and to seek your support and permission for your child to participate. Field Studies are part of the school program, and they provide students with valuable learning experiences. However, should you not wish for your child to participate in this activity, school staff will assign the student other learning activities at the school.

This is an important document. Please review the contents of this Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form carefully prior to providing permission for your child to participate in this excursion. Clarify any questions or concerns with the Lead Teacher BEFORE signing it.

If this form is not signed and returned to the school by September 14th your child WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

The board will make every reasonable effort to ensure or ascertain that:

- a. The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
- b. The students are adequately supervised over all aspects of the program/activity.
- c. The location(s) used are appropriate and safe for the activity(ies) and group.
- d. Equipment used has been inspected and deemed appropriate and safe.
- e. A Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks.
- f. An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or illness to any of the students.

No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in this program because of an inability to pay the fee, as per VSB Financial Hardship Policy. Bursaries are available. Please contact Joel Nelson at jnelson@vsb.bc.ca in confidence.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to follow the District Code of Conduct and School Code of Conduct

POTENTIAL KNOWN RISKS AND SPECIAL SAFETY INFORMATION

The purpose of this section is to detail and reinforce with parents all potential known risks of participation in the field study to ensure parents/guardians are providing informed consent. Safety issues and precautions which have been discussed with students should also be referred to. Students are expected to wear helmets for cycling, rollerblading, downhill skiing, snowboarding, skating, rock climbing, and white-water activities. Students are expected to wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device in or around the water when participating in water-based activities other than swimming.

This field trip is taking place at a public venue and external media may be present. During this time, photographs, video recordings and audio recordings may be taken. The media captured could be used in various formats, including but not limited to, TV, social media and the web.

If you have any concerns or do not wish for your child to attend the event, please notify Joel Nelson by email at jnelson@vsb.bc.ca or by phone at 604 9167326 Alternative arrangements may be made for your child at the school.

Additional Comments/Requirements:

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Destination/Activity: Grade 8 Camp hosted by Camp Jubilee

Date: September 23rd – 25th

Series of activities to be undertaken. Students will be traveling by bus and then boat to Camp Jubilee on Wednesday, September 23rd. We will be staying in cabins (10 per cabin) and participating in group activities outlined below. We will be returning by boat and bus to the school by 3pm on Friday, September 25th

Purpose or Educational Goal: Student will be bonding with staff and fellow students will taking part in activities that foster healthy decisions and perseverance.

Itinerary/Activities: Activities include Low Ropes Course, group walking, Kayaks, Large group Canoes. Shelter building, High Ropes course and Archery.

Leave school at: 8am on Monday September 23rd Return to school at: 3pm on Friday September 25th

Method of Transportation: Bus and Boat By: Vancouver Charter Buses

Lead Teacher: Joel Nelson Total No. of Supervisors Planned: 12

Supervisory Arrangements: Camp Jubilee Staff and School staff supervise daily activities, meals, etc. A Leadership student is assigned to each cabin and school staff supervise ongoing

Cost to Student: \$375

What to Bring: Packing list has been sent out separately

Other Considerations:

CONSENT and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

While school staff will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of this activity and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity, you are agreeing that the activity described above is suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with the activity.

- My child has been informed that they are to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require their exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have them picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements.
- I acknowledge that the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.
- **Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment of Responsibility for Medical/Dental Expenses:** All medical and dental expenses, including but not limited to treatments, consultations, and insurance claims, are the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. This includes any costs associated with injuries or health concerns that may arise during this activity or while your child is under our supervision.

Swimming and water based activities are sports with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of school staff. Swimmers and their parents/guardians assume these risks. For the purpose of this outing, my child's swim classification is: (select only one). Basic Intermediate Advanced

I, _____ (name of Parent/Guardian) give permission for _____ (name of Student) to participate in the field study described above. I understand that my child may be exposed to a risk or injury due to accident while participating in this activity.

School Cash Online #: (if applicable) _____

Name (please print): _____ Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number: Day: _____ Night: _____

Comments: please include any restrictions or limitations which would prevent your child from fully participating in this trip, or any other special concerns which Board staff should be aware of surrounding your child.