

## Permission/Informed Consent Form (Overnight and Extended Overnight Field Trip)

### Description

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Class/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Objective: \_\_\_\_\_

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Travel and Accommodations

Mode of Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Meals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Information Update:** Please contact the school to provide any additional medical information that may affect participation in this activity and which may not be included on the Student Health Form that is on file at the school.

***Students are expected to behave in the same manner as they would if they were in school during a regular school day. School regulations, behaviour policies, etc. shall apply, as explained to them by the staff supervisors and shall be extended to cover the duration of the field trip, evenings included.***

### RISK STATEMENT:

All activities have an inherent risk of injury; this includes activities students take part in on education field trips. One very important part of effective planning requires that parents be informed of the risks associated with the proposed activity and give permission for their child to participate. This is accomplished by using a Permission/Informed Consent form provided by Niagara Catholic. The purpose of Informed Consent is to demonstrate that the school board acts as "a reasonable and prudent person" in informing the participant and his/her parents that there are inherent risks associated with specific activities, and that certain injuries may result if the student participated. Common risks that are inherent to activities include but are not limited to:

- Collision with natural or man-made objects or other persons; hard surfaces; flying objects; physical agility including rapid movements and quick turns and stops;
- Physical exertion;
- Exposure to weather conditions;
- Exposure to vegetation, insects and wildlife;

- Site conditions, e.g., heights, water, equipment and materials;
- Modes of transportation;
- Failure to remain within designated areas and supervised activities.

Injuries may occur because of participating in activities that are inherent in the aforementioned risks. Injuries can include but are not limited to bruises, cuts, scrapes, sprains, strains, broken bones, dental injuries, concussions, back, neck and spinal injuries, sunburn, windburn, fatigue, insect bites/stings, other serious injuries and drowning.

Occasionally water-related activities are the focus of Educational Field Trips, some activities involve pool swimming, water-based games, water slides, canoeing and kayaking. Other trips may involve lake/river/ocean swimming, which may present hazards such as rocks, shallow areas, strong undertow and currents. All water-related activities can also result in injuries mentioned above.

The risk of sustaining these types of injuries result from the nature of the activity and can occur without any fault of either the student, or the school board, its' employees/agents or the facility where the activity is taking place. By choosing to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that you/your child may be injured. The chance of an injury occurring can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times while engaged in the activity.

If you choose to attend this field trip /educational activity, you must understand that you bear the responsibility for any injury that might occur. **The Niagara Catholic District School Board does not provide accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expense insurance on behalf of the students participating in this activity.**

#### CANCELLATION DISCLAIMER

*In the event of a labour disruption involving Niagara Catholic DSB staff, or a pandemic, epidemic, quarantine, other health emergency affecting the general public or any other issue beyond the reasonable control of Niagara Catholic DSB that could adversely affect the health and safety of Niagara Catholic DSB students and staff, this trip may be shortened, postponed, or cancelled without reimbursement of monies paid. Should that occur, parents/guardians risk the possibility of not receiving full or any value for this trip without any recourse.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** WE HAVE READ AND REVIEWED THE ABOVE WITH OUR CHILD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED ABOVE, WE ARE ASSUMING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DOING SO.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PERMISSION

I have read the itinerary and I am familiar with the nature of the activities in which my child will be participating. To my knowledge, my child is capable physically and emotionally of participating in this trip. I give permission to participate.

I have discussed the attached information with my child and I understand that, should his/her conduct become detrimental to the moral tone of field trip or to the safety or welfare of others on the field trip, I will be contacted and my child could, at the discretion of the Lead Teacher, be returned home under supervision and at my expense.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_