

**HUSTON CENTER CHALLENGE EDUCATION PROGRAM
ASSUMPTION OF RISK/LIABILITY RELEASE/WAVIER OF ALL CLAIMS**

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.

A Challenge Education program provides people with the opportunity to participate in problem solving initiatives and trust building activities. This experience helps to build trust among group members, encourages peers to work together as a more effective team and assists people to communicate thoughts and feelings more clearly. A Challenge Education experience can be physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially demanding. Certain risks, both real and perceived, exist in the activities.

I, _____, am aware in signing this document for participation in the Huston Center Challenge Education program that these risks could possibly include, but are not limited to, loss or damage to personal property, injury or fatality due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, insect/animal bites, equipment failure, hardware failure, falling objects, hypothermia (cold exposure), hyperthermia (heat exposure), or suffering any type of accident or illness. I understand that while the program and its staff will make every reasonable effort to inform me of proper safety techniques and practices in order to minimize exposure to known risks, all dangers (hazards and perils) associated with these activities cannot be predicted. I understand that my safety is ultimately my own responsibility. I have a personal obligation and responsibility to learn and to follow all safety standards, guidelines and policies established by the Huston Center. I will inform my facilitator at any time if I question my understanding of these standards, guidelines and policies or my ability to safely participate. I understand Huston Center adheres to the "Challenge by Choice" philosophy of experiential learning in which a participant does not have to take a risk he/she is not ready for. I also understand that this experience does not train me to lead any of the activities with other people or groups.

I acknowledge and assume all dangers, hazards, perils and risks associated with this program and waive all claims or causes of action resulting from participation in the Huston Center Challenge Education program. I hereby release all persons and agents from liability whether caused by negligence, breach of contract, strict liability, or otherwise, which I may have against the program, its successors and assigns, the Huston Center/Huston Camp and Conference Center, Diocese of Olympia, its employees, volunteers, agents, and their heirs, executors, and assigns. My signature on this document is also intended to bind my successors, heirs, representatives, administrators and assigns.

(Signature of Participant)

(Date Signed)

(Witness)

***If under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian required.**

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

You have my permission to use photographs in which I appear for Huston Center promotion.

Yes _____ or No _____, Signed: _____

