

## **Expectation Statement for Adults Accompanying Youth**

Capable, caring adults play important roles in the lives of youth. This expectation statement acknowledges the need to provide the safest environments possible for youth. The adult, by signing this form, agrees to conduct herself/himself in a responsible manner and abide by all expectations as stated below.

## Adult Responsibilities

- 1. The adult shall consider them self the youth's support person.
- 2. The adult will enforce all written and signed behavior expectations established for youth participation in the event. This will include room checks, when appropriate.
- 3. The adult will keep health and insurance information available as may be needed in handling emergency situations.
- 4. The adult will not dispense medication, or anything relating to the physical or mental health of the youth, unless specifically directed in writing by the parent or guardian. The adult should be aware of all medications to be taken by youth assigned to his/her supervision.
- 5. In an emergency situation, the adult will act in the best interest of the youth. Seek assistance from event coordinator, professional staff, medical and/or law enforcement personnel as needed. In the event of emergency, Upham Woods staff must be notified immediately.
- 6. The adult should provide the youth with information on how they can be reached, and should be accessible to consult with youth when needed.
- 7. In the case of inappropriate youth behavior, the adult shall consult with professional staff in determining appropriate disciplinary action.
- 8. The adult will participate in assigned activities and assist with arrangements as needed.
- 9. The use of illegal drugs is not allowed during the entire trip or event.
- 10. The possession and/or use of alcohol is not allowed during the entire trip or event.
- 11. The use of any form of tobacco should be avoided in the obvious or known presence of youth.
- 12. Sexual contact of any type with youth is strictly forbidden.
- 13. Swearing, vulgar and abusive language is not condoned.
- 14. Operate motor vehicles, machines or equipment in a safe and reliable manner, only with a valid operator's license and the legally required insurance coverage.
- 15. The adult shall respect and support Upham staff. The adult shall check with the staff before leading youth on any river activity, North Shore hike or challenge course activity.
- 16. The adult will not ignore situations involving bullying, hazing or harassment, nor fail to intervene if youth are being threatened, humiliated or intimidated by other youth or adults.

## **Enforcement:**

Failure to meet expectations can result in a request for you or your group to leave the premises. I have read this expectation statement, and agree to abide by all expectations.

Signature of Adult