

TO: All Parents/Guardians of Massawepie High Adventure Trek Participants

FROM: Otetiana Council, Boy Scouts of America

RE: Boy Scouts of America & New York State Health Codes

Part of the appeal of wilderness trips, such as the one that your Scout is about to participate in, is the fact that they venture into the more remote parts of the Adirondack Lakes and Forests. It is this location, however, that may also present challenges and risks of it's own. This letter is intended to inform you of the risks of taking part in backcountry aquatic activities and what the Voyageur Trek Program does to reduce those risks. This letter, as required by the New York State Department of Health & the Boy Scouts of America, must be signed by both the Scout's parents/guardians and turned into your Scouts Trip leader prior to the Scouts arrival at base camp.

I understand that participation in the Massawepie High Adventure Trek Program offered through the Otetiana Council, BSA, during the July-August, 2006 camp season involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. The camper may participate in swimming at sites that are not inspected by the New York State Department of Health due to their remote locations. Qualified camp staff (the Voyageur Guide) will determine the suitability of the site at each time of use. The location may be remote or inaccessible and therefore not allow for prompt transfer to an emergency medical health care facility. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an organization in which membership is voluntary, and having full confidence that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well being of my (son/daughter), I give _____ (son/daughter) my consent to participate in the Massawepie High Adventure Trek Program, and waive all claims I may have against Boy Scouts of America, Otetiana Council, activity coordinator(s), all employees, volunteers, or sponsors associated with the Massawepie High Adventure Trek Program.

All Voyageur Trek trips that leave our base camp are accompanied for the entire duration of the trip by a Voyageur Guide that is trained and certified in first aid, CPR and lifesaving skills. These guides, with support from the base camp operation, provide a wilderness experience that is as safe and memorable as possible.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Please sign below, thus indicating that this release has been received and that you are aware of the above information. Your troop must bring a copy of this form with them and deliver it to the staff at the Adirondack Trek base camp at Massawepie before your trek begins.

Both parents/guardians must sign below.

Signature

Date

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