PARTICIPANT ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

Supervised Service Learning Activities

This Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability pertains to an opportunity to participate in one of the external service learning opportunities offered by the Trustees of Indiana University (“University”) through its Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning.

These service-learning experiences, in general, contemplate travel to the community site(s) both in and outside of Bloomington where participants provide requested volunteer assistance, focusing on projects including, but not limited to, mentoring youths and troubled minors, participating in animal therapy for children and adults with varied physical and mental disabilities and at-risk youths, learning about sustainable gardening, aiding community health organizations with their work, and working with animals to improve their general welfare (“Service Activity”);

1. I understand that I am responsible for providing my own transportation to and from the Service Activity site(s) and that driving may be required as part of the Service Activity. I understand that certain risks are inherent in travel and I fully accept those risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to, such things as incidents related to transportation, driver error (including my own), adverse weather conditions, and other physical, mental, and emotional injury;

2. Participation in any of the Service Activities can present the risk of exposure to adverse weather conditions, and physical injuries such as sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and allergic reactions.

3. I understand that certain risks are inherent in participation in each Service Activity. I have elected to participate in the particular Service Activity indicated below and have read and understand the risks presented by that Service Activity:

_____ Mentoring and conducting social activities with children
This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to schools, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to activity-based interaction with children, exposure to infectious illnesses, and other risks of harm that may be presented by the children served due to challenges posed by their ages, mental, emotional, or physical conditions.

_____ Working with minors in juvenile court due to abuse and neglect, and at-risk youths
This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to activity-based interaction with children, exposure to infectious illnesses, interaction with troubled children and other risks of physical harm that may be presented by the children served due to challenges posed by their history of criminal conduct, history of abuse or neglect, or their ages, mental, emotional, or physical conditions.

_____ Working with therapy animals and individuals with disabilities
This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, People and Animal Learning Services (PALS). The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to those...
inherent in working with animals that may be carrying infectious diseases, which sometimes kick, bite, rear, bolt, fall down, and react to sudden movements, noise, light, falling objects, vehicles, or other animals or objects. At times equipment used in connection with the animals may break or otherwise fail. At times, other riders or animal handlers who may not be in control of their animals may cause a collision or other unpredictable consequences.

Other risks of harm may be presented by the clientele served due to their ages, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities.

Working in a natural environment to improve sustainable gardening skills
This Service Activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, Hilltop Gardens. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as exposure to adverse weather conditions, sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, allergic reactions, injuries related to working with tools, incidental contact with insects and wildlife and associated infectious diseases.

Working with incarcerated populations
This Service Activity will be conducted with a county jail or federal prison facility or a program like, but not limited to Midwest Pages to Prisoners, Inside-Out, etc. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, criminal activity, injuries incurred while working with high-risk populations, exposure to infectious illnesses, and other risks of physical harm that may be presented by the individuals served due to challenges posed by their history of criminal conduct, or their ages, mental, emotional, or physical conditions.

Aiding local animal welfare organizations with their work
The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as exposure to adverse weather conditions, sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, exposure to infectious diseases, and allergic reactions. Other risks presented are those inherent in working with animals, which sometimes scratch, bite, bolt, fall down, and react to sudden movements, noise, light, falling objects, vehicles, or other animals or objects. At times equipment used in connection with animals may break or otherwise fail. At times, other individuals who may not be in control of their animals may cause a dangerous interaction or other unpredictable consequences.

Aiding community health organizations with their work
The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, exposure to infectious diseases and allergic reactions. Other risks of harm may be presented by the clientele served due to their ages, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities.

Aiding community assisted living and retirement facilities with their work
The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, activity-based interaction with elderly community members, exposure to infectious illnesses, sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and allergic reactions. Other risks of harm may be presented by the clientele served due to their ages, physical disabilities, and mental disabilities.

Aiding community organizations that fight hunger
This service activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, Hoosier Hills Food Bank. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, such things as sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, burns, allergic reactions, and exposure to infectious diseases.
Working with people experiencing poverty
This service activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, the Shalom Community Center. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, activity-based interaction with members of the community experiencing poverty, exposure to infectious illnesses, sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and allergic reactions. Other risks of harm may be presented by the individuals served.

Aiding a community organization that enables recycling
This service activity will be conducted with an organization like, but not limited to, the Bloomington Recycling Center. The particular risks associated with this Service Activity include, but are not limited to, exposure to adverse weather conditions, exposure to infectious illnesses, injuries related to working with tools, sprains, broken bones, cuts, bruises, and allergic reactions.

4. I fully understand the risks associated with my participation in any service learning opportunity and with the particular scope of the activities and risks presented by the Service Activity I have chosen to undertake, and I agree to assume the risks of my participation in the Service Activity, including the risk of physical, mental, and emotional injury, catastrophic injury or death.

5. I release and fully discharge the University from all liability in connection with my participation in the Service Activity for or on account of any injury to or illness of my person or death, or for or on account of any loss or damage to any personal property or personal effects owned by me.

PARTICIPANT: ___________________________________ DATE: __________________

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