

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85
Forestry Academy Permission form

In consideration of School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) offering my child, _____, an opportunity to participate in a school sponsored trip for Grade 11 and 12 students on October 22-26 and other select dates throughout the semester. I waive any and all claims I may have against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue The Board of Education of School District No. 85 and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives, and the Ministry of Education for any personal injury, death, property damage or loss sustained as a result of my child's participation in the school sponsored trip, arising out of any cause including negligence, but not including gross negligence and/or willful misconduct of the Board of Education of School District No. 85 and its offices, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives of the Ministry of Education.

I hereby give my consent, and acknowledge by my signature that:

1. My child will be participating in the SD85 Forestry Academy. Students will be spending up to 10 hours a day October 22-26, 2018. During this time, they will be away from school buildings for large portions of all days either visiting worksites or spending time in local forests. Start and end times will vary depending on the daily activities. Students therefore need to be prepared to be at their respective high school (either NISS or PHSS) as early as 7:00am and be picked up as late as 6:00pm. Typical start and end times are 7:30 am, and 4:30 pm respectively. _____ Initial
2. Students will be working alongside forestry professionals (from WFP, Strategic, and others) and will be provided with required safety gear (hard hats, high-visibility vests, cork boots, ear protection). Each student must sign a separate contract ensuring that they are being vigilant about safety at all times when working in the field. A violation of safety procedures will result in removal from the program and no credit awarded. Students must always be working with a group in the field, but may not always be in direct sight of the teacher. There will be an optional parent meeting to discuss further details of the program at 5:00pm on October 17th at PHSS and at 5:00pm on October 18th at NISS. _____ Initial
3. Primary supervision will be provided by PHSS Vice-Principal Adrian Pendergast, with assistance from other school district staff when required. Students will also be under the supervision of employers when working in the field. _____ Initial
4. I am aware of the usual risks and dangers inherent in participation in all of the activities associated with this trip, and of the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting from the activities. The dangers and risks may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. *Unorthodox or high risk travel arrangements*
 - b. *Program locations*
 - c. *Rugged terrain*
 - d. *Water study activities taking place at shoreline or in open vessels*
 - e. *Weather*
 - f. *Delayed rescue, accessibility*
 - g. *Conduct of the guide, chaperone, or other group members*
 - h. *The possibility that your child may not heed safety instructions or restrictions given to the group.*_____ Initial
5. My child has no illnesses, allergies or disabilities that may require special attention, except as described here:

_____ _____ Initial
6. Students will potentially be working in unpleasant weather conditions and need to be dressed appropriately for the daily conditions. Each day they should bring proper rain gear, warm clothing, food and water. I will supply suitable equipment and clothing for my child's participation in all activities associated with the field trip, including: overnight toiletries, waterproof footwear, including hiking boots, and clothing suitable for active outdoor activity. _____ Initial
7. I am aware that I should contact the school for further information if I am unaware what clothing and equipment is required for the activities or possible weather conditions of any trips. My child and I understand that it is our responsibility to ensure my child has all necessary equipment and clothing. _____ Initial
8. My child and I understand that the school's Code of Conduct applies during this school sponsored trip. I will be responsible for any costs caused by my child's failure to abide by the Code of Conduct, including any costs to send my child home. Students in possession of, and/or under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be transported home at the expense of the parent, and will be suspended from school. Safety breaches will also result in immediate expulsion from the program _____ Initial
9. Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the school board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing

your son/daughter to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that this activity, as described above, is suitable for your child.

_____ Initial

10. The school district does not provide any accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expenses insurance on behalf of students.

_____ Initial

11. In signing this Consent and Waiver Form, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the School Board and its servants, agents, employees, or authorized volunteers, or the Ministry of Education, to induce me to permit my child to take the trip, other than those set out in this Consent and Waiver Form.

_____ Initial

12. I am 19 years of age or more and have read and understand the terms of this consent and waiver form, and understand that it is binding upon me, my heirs, executors and administrators.

13. My child and I understand that the school's Code of Conduct applies during this school sponsored trip. I will be responsible for any costs caused by my child's failure to abide by the Code of Conduct, including any costs to send my child home.

_____ Initial

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Student

Address

Parent phone number: _____

NOTE: This consent and waiver form must be signed by the custodial parent or guardian of a child who is under the age of 19 years.