

## **Statement of Risk and Release of Liability**

Your safety and the safety of all our members and volunteers in Troop 58 and the Mecklenburg Council is our top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions for participation in all Troop 58 events for our 2021-22 Scouting year.

Troop 58 and Mecklenburg County Council will follow the guidelines as outlined by CDC, State of North Carolina, Town of Davidson, and the National Boy Scouts of America. The guidelines from these organizations change as new information is obtained, as a result, mitigation procedures may change.

Our mitigation plan is important, but it cannot remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at scouting event. Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread a virus, and people may be contagious while they are asymptomatic. This means that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into scouting activities.

Everyone is required to wear masks and maintain the proper physical distancing in accordance with state and local authorities, the CDC, and Boy Scouts of America guidelines.

We know that each Scout, Scouter, volunteer, and Scouting family has a unique set of circumstances to consider when deciding whether to attend each Scouting event. We hope this information will be helpful as you make those choices.

On the following page is a Waiver and Release of Liability related to COVID-19. Please read the entire page. Then, please fill out the bottom portion and sign the form. This form must be on file for each Scout and adult attending any in-person Troop 58 event.

**Waiver and Release of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread primarily through droplets in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are still unclear, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

Troop 58 of the Mecklenburg County Council, Boy Scouts of America (hereafter, "The Troop") is sponsoring events during in August 2021 (hereafter, "Events")

The Troop cannot prevent you or any members of your family who attend Events from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while at Events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend Events, you may be exposing yourself and/or your family members to and/or increasing your risk of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 for myself and/or my family in order to attend The Trip.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I and the members of my household or family hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Troop 58, its scoutmasters, committee members, officers, officials, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to Events. I understand that this waiver and release means I and the members of my household or family give up our right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I or any member of my household or family may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND RELEASE AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR ME AND ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY:

**Please sign below and submit to The Troop as soon as possible.**

Unit Type: Troop Unit # 58G

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If participant is under 18)