

If circumstances (weather, etc.) do not allow us to climb at Devil's Lake State Park, we may try to spend the day at Boulders Climbing Gym in Madison, WI. Boulders requires their participants to sign a separate liability form. Please read through and sign the *Boulders release and waiver of liability* together with the *Camp Phillip rock climbing liability release*. Camp Phillip will cover any additional costs.

Rock climbing information

Part of the responsibility of conscientious leaders is to inform participants of risks involved with an activity. We also want you to understand that we would not undertake these activities unless we were satisfied with our level of leadership and with the standards established by leaders in the field of experiential education. It is not our intent to frighten any participants. It is our intent to make certain that all participants in our adventure programs understand fully the risks inherent to these activities.

We follow established and published safety standards.

The *Association for Experiential Education* and *American Camping Association* have established safety standards for camps and outdoor centers running adventure programs. Camp Phillip follows or exceeds the required safety standards for all areas of our adventure programs.

Our instructors are experienced and well-trained in safety, first aid, risk management and emergency procedures.

The staff working with our adventure programs are experienced members of our full-time and summer staff. They have exhibited exemplary leadership in identifying potential safety hazards and minimizing them. All staff assisting with adventure programs have documented experience in outdoor pursuits. Some have attended week-long rock climbing classes; others are Ropes Course Instructors for Camp Phillip. All have received training in first aid and/or CPR.

Other adventure program staff may have additional training in Lifeguarding, Water Safety Instruction, Community First Aid or as First Responders. Our summer paid staff participate in a week-long training program at the beginning of the summer. Staff are prepared for emergencies and participate in simulated emergencies throughout the summer. ***Under the supervision of our trained staff, no camper has been injured on our ropes course or on our rock climbing trips who has required hospitalization of any kind.***

However, please do not enroll in this course if you believe it to be PERFECTLY safe.

IT IS NOT. Nothing is. While your leaders are skilled and experienced, they are unable to guarantee total protection from all risks. You must pay close attention to and follow safety rules, take responsibility for avoiding or minimizing risks and develop a questioning attitude.

Participation in the rock climbing part of the adventure program is not possible without the “Camp Phillip rock climbing liability release” and “Boulders climbing gym group use: Release and waiver of liability” signed and sent back to Camp Phillip PRIOR to coming to camp.

Camp Phillip rock climbing liability release

Camp Phillip W9944 Buttercup Ave Wautoma, WI 54982-7032 Phone 920-787-3202 Fax 920-787-0032

Session _____ Dates _____ Camper name/s _____

For each statement, put your initials next to it if you completely understand and accept it. Mail this to camp prior to your arrival. **If a minor is attending a course, both the child and parent need to initial next to each line.**

- _____ I have read the *Rock climbing information*.
- _____ I understand that for this program the campers will leave Camp Phillip property and travel in a vehicle driven by a Camp Phillip staff member to our rock climbing site at Devil's Lake in Baraboo, WI (we may travel to an indoor climbing facility in case of rain). I give permission for this to occur.
- _____ I understand that rock climbing, like any outdoor sport, has inherent risks. Rock climbing involves walking over steep terrain, physical stamina and exposure to physical and mental exertion. It involves climbing vertical rock faces using ropes and other protective devices for safety. Personal safety cannot be guaranteed. Even experienced rock climbers have sustained falls which have caused serious injury, paralyzation and death.
- _____ Rock climbing requires vast amounts of energy and physical mobility. Sore knees, scrapes, bumps and bruises are common. Other more serious injuries may occur.
- _____ I understand that the trip leaders are experienced in the activities, will take adequate precautions and follow recognized safety standards (such as scouting the climbs; requiring participants to wear helmets; briefing the participants on safety precautions; carrying emergency phone numbers, evacuation plans and first aid supplies; and using only approved and inspected equipment). However, they cannot guarantee the safety of the participants.
- _____ I understand that the activities will be taking place in areas where access to EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and advanced medical care is not immediately available. I release from any liability the sponsoring agency, Camp Phillip and its employees and volunteers, in the event of any accident, damages, injuries or losses en route, during or returning from this event.
- _____ I understand and agree to abide by the following policies which apply to all adventure programs:
- 1) Staff and participants must not possess or consume illegal drugs or alcohol during any portion of an adventure experience.
 - 2) Under no circumstances will staff members be forced to accept participants who are considered potential dangers to themselves, the group or the staff.
 - 3) Because of the potential danger to themselves or other people, those individuals with a history of heart disease or severe emotional disorders are not allowed to participate in adventure programs. Expectant mothers may not participate in high ropes course or rock climbing activities. They may participate in selected low ropes course activities or initiatives.
 - 4) If an activity is deemed unsafe because of weather conditions, participant incompetence or other dangers, staff have the authority to alter or stop the activity. Leaders will strive to provide alternative activities (such as indoor rock climbing or working on the low ropes course). We cannot refund money because of switched or canceled activities due to any of the reasons mentioned above.
 - 5) All activities are at the discretion of the staff and with the informed consent and free choice of the individuals participating.

My signature indicates an understanding and agreement with this information.

Camper's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

Boulders climbing gym group use: Release and waiver of liability

3964 Commercial Ave Madison, WI 53714 608-244-8100

Print name _____	Print youth name _____
Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Birth date _____

All group participants must be accompanied by a Boulders Climbing Gym instructor during their below listed use of the Boulders Climbing Gym. This waiver is only valid for a supervised group use of the Boulders Climbing Gym. Return visits as an individual will require completion of the overall release, waiver of liability, acknowledgment of risk and indemnification agreement. This agreement is legally binding. If you do not understand any aspect of this agreement, have a Boulders' Climbing Gym employee fully explain such aspect before signing. In signing this document, you are waiving the right to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for certain personal injuries, damage to property, accident of any kind arising out of use, supervised or unsupervised, of the Boulders Climbing Gym facilities, climbing walls, equipment, participation in classes or activities sponsored by Boulders Climbing Gym.

I hereby release, protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Boulders Climbing Gym, each of Boulders Climbing Gym's directors, officers, agents, attorneys, landlords, affiliates, volunteer assistants, and any other climbers, members, visitors, users or other persons who may be present at Boulders Climbing Gym (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all losses, claims, causes of action, damages, costs, expenses and liabilities in connection with any injury to or illness or death of any person or damage to any property (including all reasonable expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees) (collectively, "Losses") incurred in connection with my and (if applicable) the above named youth's use of the Boulders Climbing Gym, and hereby waive any right I or (if applicable) the above named youth may have against the Indemnified Parties with respect to any Losses; provided, however, that to the extent such Losses are caused by the willful misconduct of any Indemnified Party, this paragraph will not apply to such Indemnified Party. It is my express intention that the terms of the preceding sentence include an agreement to waive all Losses caused by the negligence of any Indemnified Party. The provisions of this agreement are binding on me, (if applicable) the above named youth, and my and (if applicable) the above named youth's heirs, assigns and personal representatives.

Rock climbing, as a sport, has inherent risks. There is an assumed risk of injury in rock climbing, which also applies to the controlled environment of Boulders Climbing Gym. I hereby acknowledge and agree that the sport of rock climbing and the use of Boulders Climbing Gym's facilities, equipment, climbing walls, taking of classes and/or participating in activities sponsored by Boulders Climbing Gym has inherent risks. While it is impossible to list or contemplate all the possible injuries that may occur, some examples are: Patron's misuse of the facilities, climbing walls or equipment; cuts and abrasions resulting from the ropes or skin contact with the climbing wall; failure of the facilities, climbing walls or equipment of Boulders Climbing Gym; slips, trips, falls or other, in using the facilities, walls or equipment of Boulders Climbing Gym; personal health problems, physical conditions or other personal areas of concern; individual or collective negligence of the owners, employees, volunteer assistants, other climbers, visitors or persons who may be present acting in an individual capacity; negligence or lack of adequate training of any person who seeks to assist with medical or other help.

I have been warned and am aware of these and numerous other inherent risks in using the Boulders Climbing Gym facilities, climbing walls and equipment. I fully and voluntarily assume complete responsibility for these risks and for the injuries that may occur as a result of those risks even if injuries occur in a manner that is not foreseeable at the time that I sign this agreement. In consideration of my using or observing the Boulders Climbing Gym, I, the undersigned, agree to release all from liability, discharge and promise not to sue.
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My signature below indicates that I have read the above. Dated _____ Adult signature _____ Print name _____
Group participating with: Camp Phillip, Wautoma, WI Date of group use: _____

If participant is under eighteen years of age, a parent or guardian release is required. I understand that this waiver authorizes the above named youth to participate in activities at Boulders Climbing Gym, possibly without my presence at the facility. I understand that Boulders Climbing Gym has several regulations that affect youth participant use (those fifteen years or younger) during group use activities and during regular public hours. I am the parent or guardian of the minor and I am signing this release on behalf of the minor.

Dated _____ Adult signature _____ Print name _____