

JUNIOR FOUR POINT WINTER EXPEDITION

The Program:

Gould Academy Junior Four Point Winter Expedition

For years classes have embarked upon experiential learning opportunities that help shape them into well-traveled, responsible citizens. Learning still happens in the classroom, but it also happens through meaningful experiences outside of traditional academic settings.

11TH graders embark on a multi-day winter camping expedition. They live and travel as a group with their instructors, learning how to work together, navigate, make decisions, participate in a 24-hour solo, and take care of themselves in a winter environment with the gear and equipment that they are carrying.

Logistics

The expeditions take place shortly after the last academic day of the winter trimester. Students will be informed about the required equipment needed leading up to the trip. Gould will provide food, backpacks, sleeping bags, boots, snowshoes and group gear necessary to complete the trip. Groups will be transported to and from their course area by Gould transportation.

Goals for creating this performance experience

- Build class unity through shared experiences that are larger than any one participant;
- Provide an opportunity for self-insight and growing self-confidence;
- Foster faculty and student understanding of each other outside of the classroom, dorm, and playing field.

Student's Responsibilities

- To cooperate and abide by the instructions of the trip leaders.
- To exercise good judgment and caution to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others.
- To behave in accordance with Gould Academy's rules.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE, AGREEMENT TO WAIVE AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND INDEMNITY

I, the undersigned parent or guardian ("*Parent*") of _____ ("*Student*"), hereby give permission for Student to participate in the Gould Academy Junior Four Point Winter Expedition during the 2020-21 school year, any and all experiences related to the program ("*the Program*"), and Student hereby agrees to participate in the Program, subject to the following terms and conditions, to which Parent and Student, hereby agree to be legally bound:

Parent and Student understand and agree that Parent is responsible for providing the student with the personal clothing and equipment required by Gould Academy as a condition of participation.

Parent and Student further understand and agree that Student is responsible for abiding by the instructions of the trip leaders and must exercise good judgment and caution to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others and must behave in accordance with Gould Academy's rules.

Parent and Student also recognize that there are certain inherent and unavoidable risks associated with winter expeditions but not limited to accidents, storms, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters, inclement weather, sickness, and remote access to medical treatment.

In consideration of Student being permitted to participate in the Program, the undersigned Parent, on behalf of Student, hereby agrees to release Gould Academy and its trustees, directors, officers, agents, employees, students and volunteers ("*Releasees*") from liability for any and all claims arising out of or in any way connected with Student's participation in the Program and any liability, damage, illness, injury or death to any person sustained as a result of participation in the Program, whatever the cause, including, without limit, the fault or alleged negligence of any of the Releasees or others, or any risk of travel, known or unknown, accepting full legal responsibility on behalf of Student for any such loss, damage, injury, illness or death.

I agree on behalf of Student not to sue the Releasees and to hold harmless and to indemnify the Releasees from any damage, award, legal expenses, including attorney's fees, or settlement arising out of any and all injuries, damages, causes of actions or claims arising from Student's participation in the Program, including, but not limited to, personal illness, injury, death, or property damage.

I further agree that any claim made by me or Student against the Releasees within the scope of this Agreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the state or federal courts in the State of Maine, shall be governed by Maine law and that, if any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall be given full force and effect to the extent permitted by Maine law.

I am aware of no medical conditions, impairments, restrictions, illnesses or injuries that would prevent Student from participating in all aspects of the Program. Further, any medical conditions that do exist and may require accommodation or assistance during the trip or that would be important for emergency medical personnel or chaperones to be aware of are disclosed below: (include physical restrictions, allergies, medications currently being taken, etc.):

(Note: This medical information is sought solely to provide assistance to medical personnel and chaperones in the event of an injury, illness or other emergency.)

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THIS CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE, AGREEMENT TO WAIVE AND RELEASE LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE AND INDEMNITY. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND WE INTEND OUR SIGNATURES TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

STUDENT NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____