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Treasure Valley Family YMCA Waiver and Release of Liability

This form must be read and signed before the participant is permitted to take part in any travel, training, events and/or activities. By signing this agreement, the participant affirms having read it.

1. In consideration of my involvement in the program and activities under the auspices of the Youth in Government Program and the Treasure Valley Family YMCA, and on the behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and myself, I hereby release and waive, and forever discharge the Treasure Valley Family YMCA Youth in Government Program and the Treasure Valley Family YMCA sponsors, and their assigned representatives and successors from any and all claims, liabilities, actions, demands, damages, costs and expenses which I may now or in the future have against them or of them, arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this Treasure Valley Family YMCA Youth in Government Program sanctioned activity.
2. I understand that the Release and Waiver includes, but is not limited to any claims that are used on any alleged negligence or other action or inaction on the above named parties.
3. I attest and verify that my physical condition and fitness permit me to safely participate in the above mentioned activity, and that no physicians or other qualified individual has advised me against participating.
4. I hereby acknowledge that participation in the said event carries with it the potential hazards of illness, injury, or death, and I hereby assume these and any and all risks by participation in the said event.
5. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of injury and/or other illness during the event.
6. I hereby agree to comply with all the rules, regulations and event instructions of the Youth in Government Program and the Treasure Valley Family YMCA. If, however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation, I will bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
7. I assume all of the above risks and assume and will pay my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of accident, illness, and/or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.
8. I hereby acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for and assume complete risk of loss and damage to my personal possessions and program participant materials during the above said activity.

The Treasure Valley Family YMCA reserves the right to use photographs/videos taken within YMCA facilities and at YMCA events and activities for marketing and promotional purposes. For more information, please call (208) 344-5502 ext. 282.

I have read this Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Participant's Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Participant's Name (Printed): _____



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For Participants of Minority Age

This is to certify that we as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself/ourselves, and my/our heirs,

assigns and next of kin to release and indemnify the Releasee from any and all liability incident to my/our minor child's involvement stated above, even if arising from the negligence of the releaseses, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Printed) _____



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YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The intent of the YMCA Youth in Government Code of Conduct is to identify personal behavior that is consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Youth Government Program. The items within this code are designed to protect participants and safeguard the integrity of the program for current and future generations. Participants will be asked to affirm their commitment to uphold this code.

It is understood that Advisors of the Youth in Government Delegations are responsible for the conduct and welfare of their member's at all local, regional and statewide functions. All advisors may exercise disciplinary authority over any student participant at regional and statewide functions.

The Code:

1. Each participant shall conduct him/herself in an orderly and responsible manner 24 hours a day during all parts of the Idaho YMCA Youth in Government Program. All are to participate in a productive manner on an intellectual, social and emotional level consistent with respect of self and others, the democratic process, and mission of the YMCA.
2. All program participants will follow the directions and instructions of the Youth in Government Program Coordinator and display proper respect and consideration towards YMCA Staff, officials, administrators, program participants, Chaperones, volunteers and the public at all times.
3. All program participants will display proper respect and consideration towards fellow program participants, other advisors, event officials, staff members, and the general public.
4. All program participants will be at events on time with all required materials. If program participants are going to be late or need to leave early, they will notify the Youth in Government Program Coordinator ahead of time.
5. Harassment or intimidation through words, gestures, body language or other menacing behavior will not be tolerated at any YMCA Youth in Government event, program, or activities. No participant shall engage in personal attacks or use profanity or other offensive language.
6. All program participants will report any inappropriate behavior to the Youth in Government Program Coordinator immediately upon recognizing or hearing about such behavior.
7. As a reminder during program participants involvement there will be at times topics or ideas that are shared that may be considered sensitive to individuals based on different values or beliefs. If a program participant is for any reason uncomfortable with the topic or ideas that are being shared program participants have the right to notify the Youth in Government Program Coordinator immediately so appropriate accommodations can be made for that participant. Accommodations that can be made for participants within the Program Coordinators/Chaperones capacity include but are not limited to: allowing the program participant to step out of the room for a designated amount of time determined by the Youth in Government Program Coordinator/Chaperone and program participant, allowing the program participant to move to another designated area within the program/event.
8. Transportation is the responsibility of the Advisors, parents or legal guardians. Participants may not use personal automobiles without express written permission of their delegation advisor and their parent or legal guardian.
9. Participants are expected to attend all sessions and activities unless written consent is provided to the YMCA prior to attendance. No participant shall leave without approval of his/her advisor.



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10. Each participant is legally and financially liable for removal, defacement, or damage of public or private property. This includes the property of other participants, staff, schools, the Capitol, businesses and lodging facilities.
11. Historic preservation of all facilities used during the YMCA Youth in Government program is of the utmost importance. Participants in the Idaho YMCA Youth in Government Program are guests in the building, and the continued use of each facility is contingent upon its proper treatment. Therefore:
 - a. No behavior with the potential to damage the furnishings or equipment is allowed.
 - b. Materials and property in the all facilities must not be relocated, removed or tampered with in any manner.
 - c. Food and drink at the facilities may only be consumed in specifically designated areas of the building.
 - d. Materials are not to be attached to walls, desks or any other surface of the facilities except in specifically designated areas.
 - e. Participants are to show the utmost respect to all individuals visiting or working at each facility.
12. All participants during all functions must wear identification badges. No one will be admitted to any function without a name tag.
13. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, controlled substance (i.e. drugs), or weapons is forbidden 24 hours during all parts of the Idaho YMCA Youth in Government Program.
14. Guests or other non-participants are not permitted at any activity without the express consent of the State Program staff. Outside guests at lodging facilities are not permitted without the express consent of the delegation advisor and the participant's parent or legal guardian.
15. Participants shall not leave lodging facilities without permission from their advisors.
16. For reasons of safety and security of individuals and property, participants will not be allowed to be in the hotel or lodging areas of other participants who they are not directly assigned to room with at any time during the YMCA Youth in Government program.
17. Curfews and additional rules for participants while they occupy lodging facilities will be set and enforced by delegation advisors. Participants are expected to behave at all times in a manner that will not negatively impact or jeopardize the reputation of their school, YMCA or the Idaho YMCA Youth in Government Program.

Consequences of Failing to Comply with the Treasure Valley Family YMCA Youth in Government Code of Conduct:

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct as set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action issued by the Youth in Government Program Coordinator after consultation with Y leadership staff and the Youth in Government State Committee. Such discipline may include, but may not be limited to:

- a. Verbal reprimand, suspension, or dismissal from the program.
- c. If traveling, dismissal from the trip and immediate return home at the program participant's expense.
- d. Disqualification from one or more events, or all events of the program.
- e. Financial penalties associated with cancelled group travel.

Personal attire reflects personal attitude and the quality, purpose and dignity of the Idaho YMCA Youth in Government Program. At the State Capitol, Regional, and National Conferences professional attire is required: Shorts, denim and casual wear (including printed T-shirts) are not permitted unless it is during program approved personal time. All males must wear collared shirts tucked in, dress trousers, and preferably a suit, sport coat or sweater. Ties are encouraged. All females must wear either a suit, skirt or dress pants with a blouse or other appropriate top, or a dress. No spaghetti straps, no bare bellies or chests, no short skirts or dresses. Everyone is required to wear dress shoes; flip-flops, sandals and/or Birkenstocks are unacceptable. Nametags **MUST** be worn at all times while at the Capital, Supreme Court Building, or during regional and national events.

We would like to show respect to the State Legislators and follow their rules including a requirement to look professional. If your dress is not appropriate for the State House or for any regional or national events you will be asked to not participate until you can change into appropriate attire.

YMCA Character Development

Character Development is an important part of what the YMCA is all about. YMCA Youth in Government participants are expected to uphold and demonstrate the positive values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

I will be Caring:

- I will listen to others
- I will be sensitive to the well-being of others
- I will help others
- I will go out of my way to be inclusive of all team members.
- I will act in a way that upholds the positive image of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA.
- I will recognize when someone is having a bad day and give them space if needed, or encourage them if appropriate.

I will be Honest:

- I will tell the truth.
- I will act in such a way to be worthy of trust.
- I will have integrity; making sure my actions match my values.
- I will report any inappropriate behavior to the YMCA staff and advisor immediately upon recognizing or hearing about such behavior.

I will be Respectful:

- I will treat others as they would like to be treated.
- I will value the worth of every person including myself.
- I will communicate with positive words.
- I will use appropriate language and humor.



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- I will refrain from any bullying, fighting, or disorderly conduct.
- I will be responsible towards treating all facilities and equipment with the utmost respect.

I will be Responsible:

- I will be on time with appropriate materials.
- I will be prepared to express my views.
- I will be accountable for my behavior and obligations.
- I will follow directions and instructions of my advisor and YMCA staff

I, (student print name) _____ agree to follow the YMCA Idaho Youth in Government Code of Conduct while attending Youth in Government regional, state, or national functions. I understand that the decision to not follow the Code of Conduct may result in consequences that could include removal from the program.

Student Participant Signature

_____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

_____ Date: _____