

RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM: BUTLER'S RANGERS. COL. JOHN BUTLER'S COY.

Dear Parent and/or Guardian.

Your son or daughter has requested to be part of our Revolutionary War historical reenacting group, Butler's Rangers, Col. John Butler's Coy. Since your child is legally a minor (under eighteen years old), and for most reenacting events will not be accompanied by you, we must inform you that this request has been made, and also to outline issues of responsibility and guardianship while s/he is at events with us. Of course our preference is for you to accompany your son/daughter, but for events that are farther away, this may not be possible. We will make sure you always know which reenactment we are going to, and where it is. You may always reach your child through cell phone; if s/he does not have one then you may call my number which is listed at the end of this document and which I bring with me to all events. It is usually turned on in the mornings and after supper hour but not in the afternoon.

When you are not at reenacting events, guardianship for your son/daughter must temporarily be transferred to mature adults in the group from the moment we leave for the event, to when we return him/her home. We will do our very best to keep your child safe and secure from all harm and abuse, and also to help him/her have fun at the event. If your child is a male, we will have one of the adult males in the group act as the main guardian for your child while at the event. If your child is a female, we will have one of the adult females in the group act as the main guardian for your child at the event. Of course all of us will pitch in and look after him or her, but because of issues of appropriateness, propriety and legality, we want to match up minors with someone mature of the same sex.

For minors at reenacting events, we generally discourage or forbid certain types of activities including, but not limited to: sexual activity (even if it is with a boyfriend/girlfriend. We will not allow them to share common sleeping quarters during the reenactment), consumption of alcohol, drug use, and tobacco use. Most of these activities are illegal for minors or are socially frowned upon. We do not want any incidents to happen while your child is under our care which could be attributed to our action or inaction, even in part. The only habit listed above we will consider allowing, with your written consent, is tobacco use. If your child breaks any of these rules that you have not exempted him/her from, we reserve the right to apply consequences to him/her depending on the severity of the offense. These may range from verbal scolding, to remaining at the camp for a designated period of time, to driving him/her home before the conclusion of the event, and in extreme cases or due to repeated infractions, removing him/her from our group. **Physical punishment will never be used.** While we will strive to enforce these rules, if a teen wants to contravene one of them, s/he will find a way to do it regardless of our efforts, and our group and its members should not, must not, and cannot be held responsible in such a situation.

We are asking you to sign off, and to release our unit, Butler's Rangers, Col. John Butler's Coy, and its members of any liability that may result from your child's participation with our group travelling to, attending, and returning home from reenacting events. This includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized participation in one of the items listed in the previous paragraph, automobile accidents or physical accidents (burns, cuts, bruises, bee bites, twisted ankles, heat stroke, etc). Your child is covered by insurance through our group for any accidents that happen, but since s/he is a minor, we need to take this extra step and make you aware of the potential "hazards" of the hobby and have you sign off on this release that you are aware of them and that you agree to let your child participate anyhow. We ask you to ensure your child brings her/his Health Card to every event and that you provide the number on this document in case s/he forgets to bring it. In the extremely unlikely event that your child is involved in a serious accident and

decisions must be made in regard to medical treatment until the medical team is able to communicate with you directly, you allow the group's Leader or other adult members of the group to make those decisions in accord with the opinions of the presiding medical team. If you could please sign this release form, this will complete your child's application to our group and the reenacting hobby.

I (Parent/Guardian), _____ agree to release Butler's Rangers, Col. John Butler's Coy and all its members of all liability while travelling to, attending, and returning home from reenacting events in respect to my son/daughter,

_____ who is a member of said group. I give the adult members of this group permission to act as guardians over my son/daughter while s/he is travelling to, participating in, and returning from reenacting events. I agree to let Butler's Rangers, Col. John Butler's Coy enforce rules and expectations of conduct as listed in this document, with the exception of anything I write at the bottom of this document. I agree to the action plan outlined in this document if my child is involved in an accident. I recognize that I have the right to revise these exemptions at any time through verbal and written communication with the group's leader.

Signed, _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____
(Parent/Guardian's signature)

I (Minor's name, Health Card number), _____ acknowledge this agreement, agree to it, and will - to the best of my ability - adhere to the rules and expectations that Butler's Rangers, Col. John Butler's Coy place on me as a minor. I agree to submit to any disciplinary actions that they give out because of my disobedience.

Signed, _____ Date: _____
(Minor's signature)

I, Calvin Arnt, leader of Butler's Rangers, Col. John Butler's Coy, agree that I and the adult members of our group will enforce the provisions of this document to the best of our ability using sound judgement and input from adult members of the group and in accordance with all federal and provincial/state laws, as well as the wishes and exemptions expressed by the minor's parent(s) outlined below in writing.

Signed, _____ Date: _____
(Leader's signature)

This agreement remains in effect until either (i) the minor in question turns nineteen years old; (ii) the minor is no longer part of the group; (iii) the parent/guardian, request changes to this document in writing, and the new arrangement is agreed upon by the group's Leader. Note: Once the minor in question is no longer a minor, there are still expectations on him/her as outlined in our group's *Reference Manual*, listed on our web site.

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