



**ASPEN GROVE SCHOOL**  
Grade 11 trip to Bamfield Marine Science Centre  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK and INFORMED CONSENT**

This Acknowledgment of Risk and Informed Consent form is an agreement between the custodial parent/guardian of the student named below, the youth participant and Aspengrove School. The intent of this document is to inform you of the activities and expectations of our programs so that the choice to participate in the event named above is made freely and with understanding of the associated benefits, risks and responsibilities. Please discuss this with your child and have them initial and sign with you to show that they choose to participate. This document must be read in conjunction with the AGS Acknowledgement of Risk and Informed Consent signed at the beginning of the year.

The Gr.11 class will be attending a field trip to Bamfield Marine Science Centre (BMSC) on the west coast of Vancouver Island on **Oct 11-13, 2022** where they will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in the laboratories and lectures on marine biology at the facilities of BMSC as well as local beaches.
- Qualified instructors from BMSC will be leading mini field trips on boats, beaches, and in forests accompanied by an Aspengrove teacher.
- Students will also be taking part in the mandatory Group 4 project while in Bamfield. This is a collaborative project between students of different science classes.

The planned activities are designed to enhance the learning of the students in the classroom. The enjoyment and educational benefit derived from the activities is, in part, a result of risks inherent in these activities. While Aspengrove strives to manage risk, it is neither possible nor desirable to eliminate all risk. The inherent risk of injury include, but are not limited to:

- twisted ankles or knees, other soft tissue or skeletal damages, cuts or scrapes, burns, head injuries, broken bones,
- Injuries may also occur due to the participant's failure to act safely or within one's own ability or to stay within designated areas and adhere to the safety guidelines set out by the instructors and chaperones;
- variable weather conditions, including storms, high wind, sudden waves upon beaches;
- accidents which occur during transportation or travel to and from activity locations;
- loss of balance; variation in steepness in terrain; slips and falls;
- overturning of boats; all water hazards including rocks, sweepers, strainers and currents; cold water immersion;
- rock fall; equipment failure; encounters with domestic animals and wildlife;
- collision with other persons, equipment, vehicles or objects; becoming lost or separated from the guides, instructors or other participants; failure to hike within one's own ability or within designated areas;
- infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact;
- negligence of other persons; loss or damage of personal property; injury, permanent disability or fatality;
- Social and emotional or economic losses due to the actions of others;
- Loss of personal property due to theft
- Communication with emergency services may be difficult and in the event of an accident or illness rescue, medical treatment and evacuation may be significantly longer than in an urban setting.

*Once reviewed, please sign the form and return **the bottom portion** to Mr. Kaethler by Thurs, Sep 29, 2022. **RETAIN the top portion for your information and files.***

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**AGREEMENT**

1. We understand and agree that participation the above activities requires the Participant to:
  - a. Share the responsibility for the safety of themselves and others during all activities.
  - b. Follow all instructions and directions of Aspengrove staff and faculty. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program or event.
2. We may contact Aspengrove School in advance if we have questions about the risks described above or pertaining to any other aspect of the program.
3. This Agreement will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

Participant name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_