



**Hockomock Area YMCA
Ropes Challenge Program 2009
Assumption of Risk**

Challenge Course activities are designed to be fun and exciting, allowing participants to engage in a variety of games, teambuilding elements and high ropes challenges. A trained staff of facilitators leads each group through a progression of events in a safe, controlled environment with hopes of building self confidence, creating a sense of trust and cooperation within a group, working on communication skills, developing leadership skills, and helping participants to discover and practice problem solving skills.

While it is the aim and responsibility of the program staff to provide everyone with a safe and enjoyable experience, it is based on a shared responsibility and a commitment of safe practice from the participants. Following the safety procedures and guidelines, and exercising good personal judgment will minimize the risks involved. It is important for participants to accept personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of other members of the group by following instructions and working with the group as a whole to create this safe and enjoyable environment.

Safety is the number one priority of the program.

I recognize that the Hockomock Area YMCA will operate in good faith. However, situations may arise when the staff may find it necessary to terminate an activity. The Challenge Course Staff may also refuse or terminate the participation of any person judged to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of any activity. I acknowledge that no guarantees have been made with respect to achieving objectives.

I fully understand that the Hockomock Area YMCA Challenge Course, as explained in the handbook, will subject me (my child) as a participant to certain stresses and hazards, not all of which can be foreseen. I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to protect myself (my child) as a participant. I do, therefore, assume all of the ordinary risks normally incidental to the nature of this course, including risks that are not specifically foreseeable. I hereby release the Hockomock Area YMCA, its staff and agents, from all liability for any and all injuries, loss or damage suffered by myself (my child), in any way connected with this course. I also certify that I understand the nature of the physical demands of this activity and that I (my child) have no physical or medical condition which may affect (his / her) participation.

Unless noted, I hereby authorize and give full consent to publish any photos taken by the instructor or leaders for use in brochures, slide shows and promotional displays by the YMCA.

Participants Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # : _____ Parent or Guardian's Name (If under 18, Print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Day Time Phone #: _____

Group Name Participating in Outing: _____ Date of Event: _____

In the event of an emergency, where parents/guardians can not be reached, Staff may contact:

Name: _____ Phone # : _____ Relationship: _____