

**PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE
RE: CLIMBING WALL ACTIVITIES**

FORM 260J

In conjunction with the physical education or outdoor education program, your son's/daughter's class will be participating in activities at the Climbing Wall in Slave Lake. There are certain important matters for you to understand prior to consenting to your child's participation, which are outlined below.

The Board of Trustees of the High Prairie School Division No. 48 does **NOT** carry insurance that would cover your child for participation in this activity or in any other school activity. High Prairie School Division No. 48 only carries insurance that would cover your child if an incident were caused by the negligence of High Prairie School division No. 48 or its staff.

CONSENT FORM

I/We give my/our permission for _____ (name of student) to participate in activities that will be held at the Climbing Wall at Slave Lake and to use the wall climbing apparatus as part of the physical education or outdoor education program being held at the Climbing Wall facility on the following dates:

_____ (specify dates)

The student will travel to the Slave Lake Climbing Wall by bus on the above-described dates. While at the center, the climbing wall activities will be supervised by _____, who is certified as a wall climbing instructor, while performing such activities. The ratio of supervisors to students will be ____:____.

The student should be appropriately attired, wearing _____ (specify appropriate attire, including footwear).

The cost for participating in this program is \$ _____ (insert only if there is a cost to the student).

In consideration for the use of the climbing wall facilities during the times above specified, the student and I/we and our personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin hereby agree and acknowledge that:

1. My child/I/We meets/meet all the prerequisites required for the participation and use of the Climbing Wall facilities, equipment, machinery, activities and programs.
2. I/We understand that as a participant, the student must abide by the rules and regulations imposed upon all participants in the use of the Climbing Wall and in the operation of its or any school programs related thereto and recognize that it is his/her sole responsibility to acquaint him/herself with all such rules and regulations and to abide by the rules and regulations established by the Climbing Wall, the school and its authorized representatives.
3. I/We and the student are fully aware that there are risks and hazards inherent in the very nature of the use of the Climbing Wall facilities and equipment and in the participation in various activities and programs offered at the Climbing Wall. I/We and the student have full knowledge of the nature and extent of these risks and acknowledge that in using the Climbing Wall facilities and equipment and in participating in the programs respecting the use of the same that the student may suffer serious injury, including but not limited to personal injury including sprains, fractures, brain damage, paralysis, death, or property loss, which injuries and losses are inherent in all sports.
4. I/We and the student understand and are aware that strength, flexibility and aerobic exercise, including the use of the climbing wall, is a potentially hazardous activity. I/We consent to the participation of our son/daughter _____ (name of student) in the climbing wall program being offered at the Climbing Wall, with knowledge of the dangers involved. Particulars of the types of injuries include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Injury resulting from falling or impacting against the equipment or the ground/floor;
 - b. Muscle strains, pull, tears or similar or related damage to muscles, ligaments, or joints as a result of the use of the climbing wall apparatus;
 - c. Injuries resulting from rope abrasion, entanglement and other injuries resulting from activities such as belaying, rappelling, rescue systems or other rope techniques;

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- d. Injuries resulting from failure of or defects in ropes, slings, harnesses, climbing hardware, anchor points or any part of the climbing structure;
 - e. Injuries resulting from falling climbers and dropped items such as ropes or climbing hardware; and
 - f. Injuries resulting from the physical activity of the sport itself, including but not limited to the neck and back strains, muscle strains, tendon and ligament damage as well as other typical athletic injuries or more serious injuries.
5. I/We and the student declare that the student is physically sound and not suffering from any condition, impairment, infirmity or illness that would prevent the student's participation in or use of the climbing wall facilities, except as hereinafter stated.
 6. I/We and the student acknowledge that the student has either had a physical examination and has been given a physician's permission to participate **OR** has decided to participate in the activities and use of the Climbing Wall without the approval of a physician and do hereby assume all responsibility for his/her participation in activities in utilization of the climbing wall equipment at the Climbing Wall.
 7. I/We agree that the Board of Trustees of High Prairie School Division No. 48 may, through its agents or employees, secure such medical advice and services as it, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary for the health and safety of the student in the event of an emergency, and the parents/guardians shall be financially responsible for the provision of such emergency services.
 8. I/We and the student recognize that participation in this program at _____ School is a privilege and that all rules and regulations applicable to use of the Climbing Wall and the school rules and regulations must be adhered to by the student at all times. Failure to adhere to any such rules and regulations or for the student to conduct him/herself in a sportsmanlike manner or otherwise in accordance with the rules and regulations may result in a suspension or expulsion from the particular class program or school. Exclusions for reasons of safety may result if the student does not demonstrate an understanding of the risks and appropriate safety guidelines.

Please indicate any significant fears that may relate to conditions that are likely to be encountered in the use of climbing wall apparatuses (eg. Fear of heights, fear of open places, etc.)

Emergency contact name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Telephone number for emergency contact: _____

I/We acknowledge that I/we have read and understood this form and accept the risks of participating in this activity.

Failure to sign and return this form will result in the exclusion of the student from participating in this activity and an alternative assignment will be provided.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student

Date

Student: Please sign here and initial each page of the form.