Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

Thank you for your interest in our Youth Core Camp for your child!! We offer this unique learning opportunity for FREE. We are grateful to our many supporters; it’s because of them that we can provide the Youth Core Camp.

**Camp Dates & Times**: Campers are to be at the WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education, 5514 U.S. Highway 31 South, Hartselle, Al 35640 by noon on Wednesday June 19 and will conclude Friday morning June 21 at 9am. See specifics on drop off form below.

**Camp Focus:**

* *Outdoor Learning & team building:* Each camper will learn, through hands on activities, more respect for the outdoors, wildlife, and other environmental issues.
* *Leadership:* Each camper will learn team work, problem solving, public speaking, and simple grant writing. The campers and staff will choose which camper’s community grant proposal to fund. The AMRV-RC&D will fund.

 **How to Apply:**

* The camper must be between the ages of 15 and 19.
* You must complete the attached application. The application allows us the opportunity to document emergency contact information for your child(ren) and helps us to get to know you and your child a little better. **Please note that your child will not be able to attend the Youth Core Camp until all these forms are completed in their entirety and all necessary support documentation is provided**.
* Email, mail or deliver all the completed documentation to jared.carter@amrvrcd.com or mailed to AMRV-RC&D 5514 U.S. Highway 31 South, Hartselle, Alabama 35640

 This MUST be submitted no later than May 20, 2018!

* **Pre-Camp Orientation: (**Recommended but Optional): Potential Campers and their parents/ guardians are invited to brief question and answer orientation on May 16 at 5:30 PM. A pizza dinner will be provided. You must RSVP by noon May 15. Call 256-773-8495 or email jared.carter@amrvrcd.com

**Camp Prerequisite:** Campers are asked to find a school, City and / or park, non-profit or church with a need that would benefit from a grant between $500 -$1000. If awarded the camper will notify the recipients and are asked to photo-document the completion of the project.

We look forward to having your child become a participant.

Please know that your child isn’t just going to another summer camp. This camp offers challenging in-door learning including grant writing, public speaking and the opportunity to write a grant to address issues in your community/ neighborhood. This teaches “giving back” and is extremely valuable on College or Job Resumes! The campers and our staff will vote on which projects to fund and the AMRV-RC&D will provide the grants. We are dedicated to ensuring our community's brightest young people have greater access to quality programs and services that provide promise, hope and opportunities for a GREAT FUTURE.

Sincerely,

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Alabama’s Mountains, Rivers, & Valleys RC&D – AMRV RC&D

# HELPFUL HINTS FOR PACKING *For Thursday/Thursday Night Only*

1. A rain **coat** or poncho (and warm clothes if applicable) are essential because

# classes are held outdoors rain or shine.

1. Try to limit yourself to **one backpack** or duffel bag.
2. Bring **OLD clothes and shoes!** You will get wet and muddy.

Essential Items: Optional: Do NOT Bring:

Old shirts and shorts

Change of clothes

Bath towel

**TWO pairs of Tennis shoes**

Toiletries

Sunhat Alcohol or drugs

Day pack Weapons (Knives, guns, etc.)

Sunglasses Cell phones\*

Camera Firecrackers

Bathing suit Curling iron

Pillow Valuables

Sunscreen Cigarettes/ e-cigs

Cell phones will be allowed but will not be allowed to be used during any of the indoor or outdoor events and could be lost, wet or otherwise damaged. The AMRV RC&D does not assume responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items. ***INITIAL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

Please pack personal gear in a suitable container like a back pack…Mark with the student’s name.

It is possible to have rain, wind, fog, or a combination of these conditions at any time. All students and chaperones should have rain gear. Plastic trash bags can function as an inexpensive, although not very durable, rain poncho. Be prepared for all types of weather!

# SAFETY INFORMATION

**Our Staff:** At the AMRV RC&D, we acknowledge the trust you have in our staff to show your children a wonderful time, but more importantly to keep them safe. For that reason, we have taken every precaution to ensure that our students are under the greatest possible supervision available.

* All full-time program staff carry current First Aid and CPR certifications.
* All staff and volunteers have been trained in canoe instruction and water rescue.
* All staff have been handpicked for leadership qualities that will heighten the experience of our students, guaranteeing a camp experience they will remember for a lifetime.

 **Canoeing:** The AMRV-RC& D has provided canoeing on Flint Creek in Morgan County to

 thousands of students over the last 8 years. We follow a strict safety protocol and provide all

 safety related equipment and gear.

**Smoking and Fire:** Due to extreme fire danger and camp isolation no smoking is allowed in camp. No matches or lighters except during the supervised fire building competition.

**Alcohol and Drug Use:** Use of alcohol by minors or use of illegal drugs by anyone will be cause for automatic dismissal from camp. Parents / guardians will be notified.

**Weapons:** Weapons of any kind, including but not limited to knives, guns, mace, etc. are not permitted on the WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education property or camp site. Possession of a weapon is grounds for confiscation of the weapon and automatic dismissal from camp.

**Disciplinary Action and Property Damage**: Any camper blatantly refusing to obey rules or endangering other campers will be sent home. In addition, any camper intentionally causing property damage must make full payment for any damaged property.

**Camp Conduct:** The Youth Core Camp, including the overnight canoe camping, will be Co-Ed. There will be a boy’s and a girl’s side of camp with female adult chaperones on the girl’s side and male chaperones on the boy’s side.

**Adult Chaperones:** All activities will be supervised by trained male and female adults.

**Inclement Weather:** The weather in Hartselle/Decatur is usually very good in June. However, if inclement weather occurs, students will be sheltered in the WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education with all staff present for safety and supervision. Should camp end due to a major weather event or other occurrence, parents/guardian will be notified so students are released in an appropriate manner.

**Medical Facilities/ First Aid:** There is a first aid station on site. If first aid is required, it will be administered by a qualified individual. Paramedics will be contacted for major accidents. Problems requiring a doctor’s attention, other than accidents handled by paramedics, will be referred to the parents/ guardians. In the event of any accident that requires a student to be taken off site for medical attention, staff will notify the parents/guardians of that student.

**Lost Child:** The AMRV-RC&D staff have been instructed as to the proper procedure to minimize risks and lost child protocol. Rescue Squad, Paramedics and the Sheriff are available for emergency situations.

**Communicable illnesses:** During camp, any student, staff/ volunteers that shows symptoms of chicken pox, measles, or any other communicable disease will be restricted from Camp participation and sent home at the earliest opportunity. Please do not bring any sick students to Camp. Fevers, flu and colds are just a few examples. This policy is in consideration of the affected person’s comfort and the health and well-being of the remaining students and staff.

**Contacting Camp:** Please telephone AMRV RC&D only in emergencies. The number is 256-773-8495 (office) 256-541-5265, 256-339-2991 or 256-227-8649 cells

**Application**

# STUDENT INFORMATION

Student’s Last Name First Middle Initial Age Sex

Street Address (Home)

City State Zip Code

Parent or Guardian Name Relationship

Street Address (Home)

City State Zip Code

Cell Phone Work Phone Home Phone

Emergency Contact other than Parent Name Relationship

Street Address (Home)

City State Zip Code

Cell Phone Work Phone Home Phone

Name of Your Health Insurance Company…Provide copy of insurance card

Family Physician Phone Number

Address of Physician

Recommended by: (Teacher or other) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# MEDICAL INFORMATION

Does the student have any special dietary needs? Yes  No  (If yes, please explain)

Does the student have any allergies? Yes  No  (If yes, please explain)

Does the student have any medical condition or health problems we should be aware of? Yes 

No  (If yes, please explain)

Will the student take any prescribed medication(s) or over the counter medication(s) during summer camp program hours? Yes  No  (If yes, please complete next page)

AMRV RC&D will house the following common medications. Please provide consent and instructions (dose) for administration of medication if it is needed:

YES NO

 Kaopectate (for diarrhea)

 Sudafed (Pseudonal)

 Pepto Bismol (for upset stomach)

 Advil (Ibuprofen)

 Caladryl (for skin rashes)

 Acetaminophen (Tylenol generic for headache or elevated temperature)

Student’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

I, as the parent or guardian of , (student’s name), give my/our consent to give the prescribed and/or over-the-counter medication(s) listed below to my/our child during the Youth Core Camp, in the dosage and schedule given below. It is my/our understanding that at any moment during the hours of the Camp the student identified herein is NOT authorized to have in his/her possession prescribed and over-the- counter medication(s). The parent or guardian should give the medication(s) to authorized program personnel in a sealed plastic bag with sufficient instructions regarding dosage, schedule of administration, and any other pertinent information. AMRV RC&D staff will not be responsible for administering any medication requiring special training or nursing skills, such as injections for diabetes or allergies. Students with contagious medical conditions will not be permitted to attend camp.

Authorized Prescribed Medication(s):

Name: Dosage: Instructions:

Authorized Over-The-Counter Medication(s):

Name: Dosage: Instructions:

Student’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

# MEDICAL CONSENT

The student’s medical conditions stated on this application are complete and correct. I hereby give permission to the AMRV RC&D personnel to administer first aid and to arrange for medical care and treatment in case of a medical emergency. I also give permission to the physician selected by AMRV RC&D personnel to examine, diagnose and treat or secure proper treatment for the student as the physician shall determine is proper and necessary under the circumstances. A photocopy of this authorization shall be valid and may be accepted as the original.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

# AMRV-RC&D RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I have been informed of the nature of the Youth Core Camp in which the student is enrolled. I understand that there are risks associated with the student’s participation in Camp activities which pose a threat of injury, illness, or death. The undersigned is familiar with outdoor sports and activities and the student’s abilities and I am not aware of any physical, emotional, or mental problem or limitation that would prevent, impair or increase the risk involved in the student’s participation in Youth Core activities. With this knowledge, I grant permission for the student to participate in all camp activities and on behalf of the undersigned and the student I accept and assume the risk and full responsibility or injury, illness, death or loss of personal property or other damage, and medical or other expense resulting from the student’s presence at the Youth Core Camp. I hereby release and discharge the AMRV-RC&D, and their agents and employees from liability to us and to the student for any and all losses, damages, and expenses and any injury to person or property, including death, resulting from the student’s travel to or from Youth Core and participation in the Camp. I agree to direct the student to comply with all Youth Core Camp rules and policies and to cooperate with AMRV-RC&D personnel. I understand and agree that if the student fails to comply with the rules and policies, he or she may be expelled from Youth Core Camp and sent home.

Student’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: I, the minor’s parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of paddle sports and related activities and the minor’s experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless each of the releases from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on minor’s account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the “releases” or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, anyone on the minor’s behalf makes a claim against any of the releases named above, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releases from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

I as parent or guardian am aware of and agree to send my child to the AMRV-RC&D’s / WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education for the RC&D Youth Core Camp to participate in in all activities associated with the Youth Core Camp including but not limited to canoeing, tree canopy and low rope elements, team building/ leadership as well as the traditional education programs.

I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Alabama’s Mountains,

Rivers & Valleys RC&D, representatives, Water Rescue guides, administrators, directors, agents, officers, employees, other participants, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the “RELEASEES” herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, INJURIES, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR OTHER DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE “RELEASEES” OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my

behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

For questions feel free to call 256-773-8495

We are located on Highway 31 between Hartselle and Decatur. The WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education. 5514 U.S. Highway 31 South, Hartselle, Alabama 35640.

STUDENT MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

Throughout the year, students may be highlighted in efforts to promote the AMRV RC&D activities and achievements. For example, students may be featured in materials to train teachers and/or increase public awareness of our program through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media.

I, as the parent or guardian of , hereby give the AMRV RC&D its employees, representatives, and authorized media organizations permission to print, photograph, and record my child for use in audio, video, film, or any other electronic, digital and printed media. It is understood that these rights extend only to educational and non- profit uses.

1. This is with the understanding that the AMRV RC&D nor its representatives will reproduce said photograph, interview, or likeness for any commercial value or receive monetary gain for use of any reproduction/broadcast of said photograph or likeness. I am also fully aware that I will not receive monetary compensation for my child’s participation.
2. I further release and relieve the AMRV RC&D, its Board, employees, and other representatives from any liabilities, known or unknown, arising out of the use of this material.

I certify that I have read the Media Consent and Release Liability statement and fully understand its terms and conditions.

Student’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

**DROP OFF/PICK UP RELEASE FORM**

Students must be dropped off and picked up in the front parking lot of the:

WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education 5514 US-31So

Hartselle, AL 35640

256-773-8495

**Drop Off and Pick Up Schedule**:

 ***Wednesday June 19:*** Drop off your child between 11:30 -12 noon…lunch will be provided for

 Students. Pick up between 4-5 PM.

***Thursday June 20:*** Drop off your child between 8-8:30 AM (can be earlier if parent makes arrangements with AMRV-RC&D). Your child will camp overnight.

***Friday June 21:*** Pick up you child between 9-9:30 AM. Camp over.

Please provide us the following information for everyone authorized to pick up your child.

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| Name | Relationship |  |
| Address (Home) |  |  |
| Cell Phone | Work Phone | Home Phone |
| Name | Relationship |  |
| Address (Home) |  |  |
| Cell Phone | Work Phone | Home Phone |

\*\*NOTE: A proper form of identification will be required to release a child to anyone other than parent(s) or guardian(s). To deviate from this form once the program is in session, a written, well documented, and signed letter from the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required. Program personnel will not release any student to anyone without proper authorization from the parent(s) or guardian(s) and without proper identification. Please, make sure you abide to this rule. In the event of unexpected conflicts, the parents may request the AMRV-RC&D Staff drive your child home at the conclusion of a day or the Camp. Signing this form authorizes and releases Youth Core Staff & Volunteers from all liability if this is necessary.

Student’s Signature Date

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date