

BRECKENRIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
LETTER TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Greetings from Breckenridge! The BOEC staff looks forward to having you, your child or your family member join us on a course and would like to share the following information about who we are, what we do and the risks involved.

The Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC), a non-profit organization in operation since 1976, provides outdoor adventure programs for people of all abilities. We offer programs for groups and individuals. All courses are tailored to the specific goals and abilities of our students.

Breckenridge offers an outstanding setting for programs as well as a springboard for courses that go “on the road” to one or more of our many course areas. Here in “Breck”, our program site offers two facilities, the “old cabin” and the Griffith lodge. The old cabin is very rustic. The Griffith Lodge has all of today’s modern conveniences and is accessible. The site is also the home of tee pees, a small lake, low ropes initiatives, accessible trails, several “high” challenge elements, (including an adaptive ropes course) a climbing wall, and gorgeous views of the Rocky Mountains. Courses that go to one of our more remote permit areas generally begin and end in Breckenridge. We provide all equipment necessary to allow our students a rewarding outdoor experience that is comfortable and warm (sleeping bags, tents, rain gear etc). You need to provide only personal clothing, as outlined on the equipment list for your course, a willingness to try new things and a positive attitude.

All of our activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the highest standards, as defined by the Association for Experiential Education (AEE). The BOEC is accredited by AEE, who independently reviews the policies, practices and educational components of applicant organizations and accredits those that meet their high standards. All activities offered are designed to pose appropriate challenges for students. These challenges provide a medium for adventure, learning and personal growth. Your ski lesson or course will involve risk, which may be greater than most people encounter in their daily lives. Providing high quality programs in a risk-managed environment is a priority at the BOEC. It is, however, impossible to eliminate all risks. It is very important that you follow all directions given by staff and that you ask questions whenever a procedure or activity is unclear to you.

While the BOEC maintains rigorous standards, it is in everyone’s best interest that risks are disclosed, understood, and assumed prior to participation. After you have reviewed the acknowledgement of risk and waiver of liability on the reverse side of this letter and if you understand and agree with its contents, please sign in the appropriate places. If you are the parent or legal guardian of a student, please read both sides of this document to the student, and if you both agree and understand their content, place YOUR signature in the three appropriate places

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

Sincerely,

The BOEC Staff

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) programs, and related events and activities, or serve as staff or volunteer for the same, I, and/or the minor student, and/or the person for which I am legal guardian, the undersigned:

1. Understand that although the BOEC has taken precautions to provide proper organization, supervision, instruction and equipment for each course, it is impossible for the BOEC to guarantee absolute safety. Also, I understand that I share the responsibility for safety during all activities, and I assume that responsibility. I will make my instructors aware to the best of my ability of any questions or concerns regarding my understanding of safety standards, guidelines, procedures and my ability to participate at any point during any activity.
2. Understand that risks during outdoor programs include, but are not limited to, loss or damage to personal property, injury, permanent disability, fatality, exposure to inclement weather, slipping, falling, insect or animal bites, being struck by falling objects, immersion in cold water, hypothermia (cold exposure), hyperthermia (heat exposure), collision with others, and severe social or economic losses that may result from any such incident. I also understand that such accidents or illnesses may occur in remote areas without easy access to medical facilities or while traveling to and from the activity sites. Further, there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Agree that prior to participation, I will inspect, to the best of my ability, the facilities and equipment to be used. If I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise the BOEC staff present of such condition and refuse to participate.
4. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages due to such injury, permanent disability or death resulting from participating in any BOEC activity.

I hereby release the BOEC, its successors, representatives, assigns, and employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action, whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, of every nature and in conjunction with a BOEC activity.

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STUDENT'S PRINTED NAME SIGNATURE DATE

If the student is a minor and/or has a legal guardian:

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PARENT/GUARDIAN'S PRINTED NAME SIGNATURE DATE

PERMISSION TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT ON MY BEHALF (REQUIRED)

Should I, or the person for whom I am the legal guardian, become injured or ill, I give permission for the program facilitator(s) to render first aid and to seek emergency medical or rescue services as they see fit, and at my cost. (Please note: We recommend that all BOEC students be covered by personal health insurance. If medical care for injury, pre-existing condition or any other reason is required during a BOEC course, the student's personal health insurance will be primary.)

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SIGNATURE DATE
(PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN RELEASE IF STUDENT IS A MINOR OR HAS A LEGAL GUARDIAN)

PERMISSION TO TAKE AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILM (OPTIONAL)

I hereby give my permission to the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC), and any other person designated by the BOEC to make photographs and other recordings of myself, and I consent to publishing and/or displaying of such recordings as the BOEC deems fit.

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SIGNATURE DATE
(PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN WAIVER IF STUDENT IS A MINOR OR HAS A LEGAL GUARDIAN)