



Keystone  
Science School

# STUDENT FORMS AND PARENT INFORMATION PACKET



## On the Road School Programs

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## OVERVIEW

### Background

Since 1976, Keystone Science School has taught scientific principles and leadership skills to young people, teachers, and community members through engaging hands-on field experiences. The School was founded on the belief that leaders should approach decision-making with a healthy respect for scientific inquiry, collaboration, and civic engagement. Our programs prepare future leaders to address the increasingly complex issues our society faces.

Located at 9,200 feet on the site of Old Keystone Village in Keystone, Colorado, our historic 23-acre campus serves as the ultimate outdoor laboratory and is the home base for our diverse suite of programs. Our facilities include modern log-style dormitories, a central dining hall, an outdoor amphitheater, and a state-of-the-art observatory.

### Mission

Keystone Science School educates youth and adults to broaden perspectives and foster appreciation for engaged citizenship. We accomplish this through meaningful and collaborative learning experiences in the natural mountain environment that incorporate non-biased scientific inquiry, leadership development, civic engagement and academic rigor.

### Vision

The vision of Keystone Science School is to reach twice as many clients by 2020. These clients will come from a diverse set of communities cutting across socio-economic boundaries as well as reaching unique groups (foster children, children with disabilities, etc.). To do this, KSS will drastically improve facilities, including the addition of a Learning Center, continue to expand its reach beyond the state of Colorado and develop and implement cutting edge programs and experiences that incorporate science, adventure and fun. KSS envisions becoming a premier accredited school in the industry.

### Values

**We change lives.** It's a lofty claim, but we know that people are impacted through their experiences at Keystone Science School. Our lives have been transformed and we inspire others to reflect, grow and change as well.

**We foster open, honest relationships.** We care about each other and those we serve and strive to be approachable, friendly and authentic in all interactions. We believe that being mindful leads to higher levels of professionalism and instills trust.

**We strive for excellence.** We maintain high expectations for ourselves and seek challenges for the betterment of those we serve. We embrace an entrepreneurial spirit and incorporate innovative ideas into our programs.

**We find joy in teaching and learning.** We live our mission and bring fun and laughter to everything we do, every day. We're academic, but far from boring.

**We ask questions and seek solutions.** We inspire critical thinking in each other and those with whom we work. By presenting topics and issues in a non-biased way, we provide tools to learn how to think, not what to think.

**We are accountable.** The numbers are equally as important as the mission. Transparency is critical and we keep a close eye on financial success.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN OVERVIEW & CHECKLIST

We look forward to your student’s visit with Keystone Science School as we go On the Road! This information packet provides key details about your student’s experience with Keystone Science School (KSS) and includes the necessary paperwork which must be completed prior to their arrival. Your student’s teacher will be an excellent resource for this trip, as we have been in communication with them to plan the curriculum and logistics for programming. If questions remain, we are more than willing to talk with you directly to allay any concerns about sending your student On the Road with Keystone Science School. Below you will find a short checklist of items which will help you and your student to prepare for their trip with Keystone Science School.

### Checklist

- READ THE INFORMATION PACKET
- COMPLETE THE MEDICAL FORM
- SPEAK WITH YOUR STUDENT LEADING UP TO THEIR TRIP
- REVIEW THE PACKING CHECKLIST
- QUESTIONS / CONCERNS? Please contact us at [SchoolPrograms@KeystoneScienceSchool.org](mailto:SchoolPrograms@KeystoneScienceSchool.org)
- STUDENTS PACK YOUR BAGS

### WHAT WILL YOUR STUDENT DO WITH KEYSTONE SCIENCE SCHOOL?

Your student’s school will select from the following five academic themes as the focus of their KSS program: Forest Ecology, Aquatics, Earth Science, Snow Science or Environmental Issues (Wildlife Management, Mining and Water Quality, Water Management, Forest Health). Each child will be part of a group that includes 8-13 students, one KSS field instructor, and one adult from your student’s school. Each day, students will be involved in outdoor learning activities that will incorporate (depending upon the season) hiking, cross-country skiing, and/or snowshoeing. Teachers and adult volunteers from your child’s school are responsible for supervision of students in each cabin/tent group and the group as a whole during flex time during flex-time and night-time activities. Students will be asked to join their hopper groups to help set-up and clean-up during meal time. Students will also be asked to assist with cleaning their sleeping area, prior to the schools departure. Please contact your student’s teacher if you would like to receive a copy of the daily schedule for your school’s KSS program, below you will find a generalized schedule for a typical three-day program.

### GENERAL SCHEDULE

DAY 1		DAY 2		DAY 3	
<b>Noon</b>	School arrives, orientation, break into field groups	<b>7 AM</b>	Quiet hours end	<b>7 AM</b>	Quiet hours end
<b>2 -5</b>	Field day	<b>7:30</b>	Hoppers to dining area	<b>7:15</b>	Cabin/tent cleaning begins
<b>5-6</b>	Flex time	<b>8-8:45</b>	Breakfast	<b>7:30</b>	Hoppers to dining area
<b>5:45</b>	Hoppers to the dining area	<b>8:45-9:30</b>	Flex time, pack for the field day	<b>8-8:45</b>	Breakfast
<b>6-6:45</b>	Dinner time	<b>9:30 – 5</b>	Field day	<b>8:45-9:30</b>	Flex time, pack for the field day
<b>6:45-7:30</b>	Flex time	<b>5-6</b>	Flex time	<b>9:30-11</b>	Field day
<b>7:30-8:15</b>	Evening program	<b>5:45</b>	Hoppers to the dining area	<b>11:15</b>	Lunch and wrap-up
<b>8:15</b>	Flex time until lights out	<b>6-6:45</b>	Dinner time	<b>Noon</b>	Departure
<b>10:00</b>	Quiet hours	<b>6:45-7:30</b>	Flex time		
		<b>7:30-8:15</b>	Evening program		
		<b>8:15</b>	Flex time until lights out		
		<b>10:00</b>	Quiet hours		

## KSS POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS REGARDING STUDENT CONDUCT

KSS staff, teachers, and adult volunteers from your student's school work together during the KSS program to communicate with students about behavior expectations and to address inappropriate behavior, as needed. If a student behaves in any way that is considered by KSS staff, teachers, or adult volunteers to be detrimental to the quality and best interest of the program or other students, KSS reserves the right to dismiss that student from the program. This type of dismissal may result from behavior such as, but not limited to, the use of drugs or alcohol, refusal to cooperate, or endangering the health and safety, emotional or physical well-being of any person involved in the KSS program. When a child is dismissed from the program, parents or guardians of the child will be contacted by the lead teacher from the school and asked to pick up their child and remove him/her from the KSS event. No refund of program fees will be provided for students dismissed from the program for inappropriate conduct.

## PARTNERING WITH PARENTS FOR STUDENT CARE

Since 1976, Keystone Science School has provided the highest quality, dynamic outdoor learning experiences for students. We need information from parents in order to provide the best experience possible for your children. Please fill out the Medical/Liability Form completely, sign it and return it promptly to your child's teacher. It is essential that we receive this information so that we can effectively assist students in the event of sudden illness or injury.

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A COMPLETED AND SIGNED MEDICAL/LIABILITY FORM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIP WITH KEYSTONE SCIENCE SCHOOL.**

### Medical/Liability Form

As the student's parent/guardian, please complete and sign the Medical/Liability Form, included at the back of this information packet. Students will not be able to participate in the field day without a completed and signed Medical/Liability Form.

**Please note:** Members of the KSS staff are not allowed to administer student medications.

Teachers and adult volunteers from the students' school are required to follow their school's policies in regards to handling and dispensing student medications. KSS will provide a secure location for medicines. If your student has food allergies or special medical concerns, please describe these conditions thoroughly on the Medical/Liability Form and bring this information to the attention of your student's teacher. KSS staff will ask each school to submit a list of students' special needs so we can make appropriate preparations prior to your arrival.

### Food

We believe in promoting a healthy diet. Students will be fed a hot breakfast and dinner each day, served family-style in camp. During breakfast, students will prepare sack lunches that they will eat while out in the field.

If your student has special dietary restrictions or accommodations, please include this information on your student's Medical/Liability form and communicate these details with your student's teacher. If you would like to speak with someone at KSS about your student's specific needs, please email: [SchoolPrograms@KeystoneScienceSchool.org](mailto:SchoolPrograms@KeystoneScienceSchool.org) to arrange a phone conversation.

### Food Allergies

Keystone Science School staff is prepared to manage common food allergies (nuts/dairy/gluten/etc.) **if given prior notice**. It is not always possible to accommodate dietary restrictions that we do not know about in advance. Please communicate allergies and dietary restrictions to your student's teacher as soon as possible and note them on your student's medical form.

## Risk Management Procedures

All KSS School Program field instructors hold current Wilderness Medicine certification. In the event of an incident, students are initially treated by KSS field instructors. If professional medical attention is required, the instructors will arrange transportation for the student(s) to the nearest medical clinic. KSS administrative staff, your child's classroom teacher or the attending physician will notify parents of the ill or injured student.

KSS will not be responsible for payment of medical or evacuation expenses should a visit to the clinic become necessary. The adults accompanying the student's group will be expected to show proof of the student's insurance coverage. In the event that an uninsured student needs medical treatment, local Emergency Medical Service personnel will contact parents to arrange for billing.

## Communication

Teachers, adult volunteers or parents must notify KSS staff in advance if a child is to be picked up by a parent or guardian at any time during the program. We ask that parents contact students by telephone only in the case of an emergency. Students will be outside most of the day and will not be available by phone. While on their trip, students cannot directly receive an incoming call. Please do not let students bring cell phones. If parents need to contact their child during business hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), they may call the KSS Campus Office at (970) 468-2098 who will contact the KSS lead instructor in the field. Voicemails for School Programs staff will be picked up at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day. You may leave a message after business hours or when no one is able to take your call in the office.

## Cancellation Policies

Student program fees include a 10% non-refundable deposit for the KSS program reservation. If inclement weather or highway closures force cancellation of a school's scheduled KSS program, KSS will attempt to reschedule the program if possible, or will submit a pro-rated refund. If a student is unable to attend a KSS program due to unexpected illness or family emergency, a partial refund of student funds will be submitted to the school on behalf of the student (This may or may not result in a full refund of the fees). If any student is forced to leave the program early due to injury or illness, no refund of the KSS program fees will be given. Please contact your child's teacher if you need to arrange for a refund check from your school.

## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

We look forward to your On the Road trip with Keystone Science School. Whether you have done a program with KSS before or maybe this is your first time camping, we guarantee your trip will be a new and unique experience. Here are some hints and tips when packing and then a couple things for you to do to prepare for your visit.

## Packing – For Participants

- Follow the packing list closely. Weather changes frequently in Colorado and we want you to be comfortable during your stay. Remember to pack layers so that you can easily adjust to colder and warmer weather.
- You will either be sleeping in a cabin, on a mattress, or a tent, on a sleeping pad.
- Don't bring your best school clothes. It is more important to be prepared for the weather and conditions, so do not worry about being stylish.
- Make sure you have sturdy, comfortable hiking or walking shoes because you will be spending your day outside and on the trail where it can be wet, muddy, and snowy.
- Leave candy and other junk food at home. Food cannot be brought in tents/cabins.
- Electronics (iPods, computer games, etc.) are discouraged but may be allowed at the discretion of the teacher (please ask your teacher for guidelines). Keystone Science School is not accountable for items that are lost, damaged or broken.
- Please leave cell phones at home. Instructors will each carry a cell phone.

## Are you ready to...

<b>SLEEP IN A TENT OR CABIN?</b>	You will be staying in a tent or a cabin, while On the Road with Keystone Science School. Do not forget a sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and a pillow for a good night sleep!
<b>LEARN?</b>	A day with Keystone Science School will be physically and academically involved, we will be teaching you science in the great outdoors and expect for you to work together with your field group.
<b>PARTICIPATE?</b>	The rules for attendance and behavior at your school will be the same with KSS. We want you to be engaged.
<b>GET OUTSIDE?</b>	You will be outdoors most of the time with some morning and evening classroom time. Our goal is to get you learning outside your classroom.
<b>BE PREPARED?</b>	The weather will change throughout your visit. We will ask you to responsible when you pack your day pack with all of the clothing and equipment you will need to stay warm and dry while you are outside each day.
<b>BE RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE?</b>	We expect all students to respect the environment, yourself, and others.
<b>DO CHORES?</b>	We will ask you to participate in routine chores like keeping your gear organized and accounted for, meal clean-up, and cabin/tent clean-up.
<b>HAVE FUN?</b>	Before and after meals and evening programs, each group will have flex time, designated for group games, journal writing, community building, and relaxing.

## HOW CAN YOU PREPARE YOUR STUDENT FOR THEIR EXPERIENCE?

Participating in an overnight program can be both exciting and intimidating, especially if this is the first time away from home. We believe that it is very important to support and encourage your student from the time of registration to the time he or she returns home to share the experience of KSS with you.

You can assist us in providing a positive and rewarding experience for your child by encouraging excitement about discovering and exploring new things in the natural world, meeting new friends, and having lots of stories to tell you upon returning home. As you talk about your child leaving home, resist phrases like, "I'll miss you" (try "I'm proud of you" instead). We pride ourselves on deft handling of homesickness, but how you prepare your child leading up to his or her departure can make a big difference in the program experience.

Some topics you can discuss with your child in preparation for the program might be:

- the new friendships he or she might make
- differences in sleeping away from home (in a tent or a cabin)
- nighttime (darkness)
- the importance of cooperation, consideration, community, and challenges
- the importance of respect for one's own things, other's property, and the natural world

Allow your child to be a part of the packing process so that he or she knows exactly how much and what is packed. Please remember to write your child's name on all belongings! Include an extra bag for dirty clothes and discuss (or even practice) living out of a backpack. Talk about how often clothes should be changed, where dirty or wet clothing should go, etc. Please note that laundry facilities are not available while on the trip.

When your child returns home, you'll have a great opportunity to continue to recognize the value of this experience by allowing him or her to share accomplishments and stories. Students learn a great deal at KSS and might become a bit overwhelmed as they try to communicate their experiences, so here are a few questions to help you direct your child:

- What were some of the team challenges you participated in?
- What was something interesting that you did today?
- What was something you learned? Did this make you wonder about any new questions?
- What responsibilities did you have at the campsite?

- What activities did you do during flex time?
- What scientific instruments did you use when you were gathering information during your field day?
- Have you learned anything new about any of your classmates or teachers?



# SUMMER CAMP

Science. Adventure. Fun!



“Camp makes you **strong**”  
- Jimmy, age 7

We believe every child deserves camp. Camp teaches kids valuable social skills, independence and bonds people together. We bring in the added elements of outdoor education, high adventure and unforgettable fun to create life-changing experiences for every child that we serve.

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## OUR PROGRAMS

### Day Camp

A summer weekday program for campers **ages 5-11**. Our day goes from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and we incorporate creative activities, teambuilding, and investigative learning into each day. We also have specialty day camps including climbing and swimming.

### Discovery Camp

Our popular overnight camp program, offered in 4 to 12 day sessions. For campers **ages 7-14**. Every regular camp session includes a backpacking overnight, challenge hike adventure, team-building activities, and time-honored songs by the campfire.

### Introduction to Discovery Camp

A shorter preparatory version of our residential overnight camp program for campers **ages 5-11**. Specially designed for children new to the overnight camp experience. This session does not feature adventure days or wilderness camping, but weather permitting there will be a challenge hike and an on-site camping experience.

### Counselor Assistant Program

For older campers, **ages 12-17**, who want to experience Discovery Camp and Day Camp in a slightly different way - as leaders. CAP offers teens the opportunity to serve as role models, develop as leaders, and make a difference in the lives of others.

### Keystone Mountain Adventures

6- 10- or 13-day adventure-based expeditions for teenagers. For **ages 12-18**. These longer, expedition-based sessions offer teens non-stop action and outdoor adventure. Teambuilding activities and low-impact wilderness travel principles are incorporated as we backpack through mountain landscapes, camp along the edge of wild rivers, and safely scale dramatic rock faces.

For more information visit [KeystoneScienceSchool.org](http://KeystoneScienceSchool.org) or call 970-455-4228.

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# PACKING CHECKLIST: ON THE ROAD PROGRAM

Mountain weather can be unpredictable, we recommend students bring multiple layers to comfortably adjust to the changing conditions. **When selecting clothing, we suggest packing synthetic and non-cotton items.** Below you will find a recommended packing list consisting of items required to stay safe and warm during the trip with KSS. The amount of clothing is representative of a typical three-day stay and should be adjusted for longer or shorter trips. Please note, students who are tent camping will be sleeping on the ground- please pack a sleeping pad for tent camping experiences.

**Please note:** Instructors will work with the students to ensure they are outfitted properly for mountain conditions. If students do not own the listed equipment, we will bring a limited number of items from our gear shed to ensure their comfort and safety during their visit.

## How many bags should be packed?

- Overnight Bag** We recommend packing your student's gear, including their sleeping bag and pillow, in one duffel bag or an over the shoulder bag. Students will have to carry their gear from the bus to the dorm.
- Day Pack** Backpack with two arm straps, large enough to carry extra layers, lunch, two water bottles, and a KSS Journal.
- Lunch** Please pack a lunch for your student on the first day, preferably in a reusable lunch bag that fits in his/her day pack.

### OVERNIGHT BAG

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Clothing (see clothing list)
- Towel and Washcloth
- Toiletries Kit
  - Toothbrush / Toothpaste
  - Shampoo / Soap
  - Brush or Comb
  - Other items as needed
- Headlamp or flashlight

### DAY PACK

- 2 Water bottles
- Sunscreen (spf 15 or higher)
- Lip Balm (spf 15 or higher)
- Sunglasses
- Pencil or Pen
- Reusable lunch bag
- Ski Goggles (WINTER)

### OPTIONAL:

Money for the school store, handkerchief or bandana, gaiters (nylon boot-top coverings), camp shoes (not hiking shoes), camera with extra batteries, binoculars, a book to read, reusable plastic containers for lunch.

**DO NOT BRING**  
**Cell phones or pocket knives.**

### CLOTHING

#### Top

- 2 T-shirts
- 1 Long-sleeve shirt or turtleneck
- 1 Long underwear top
- 1-2 Synthetic fleece jackets or wool sweaters
- 1 WATERPROOF rain jacket or poncho (FALL/SPRING)
- 1 INSULATED winter jacket (WINTER)

#### Bottom

- 3 Underwear
- 1 Long underwear bottom
- 1 Jeans or long pants
- 1 WATERPROOF rain pants (FALL/SPRING)
- 1 INSULATED snow pants (WINTER)

#### Feet

- Hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes (preferably waterproof)
- Tennis shoes
- 2-3 Pairs of Socks

#### Head and Hands

- 1 Warm hat
- 1 Hat with a brim
- 1 Pair gloves or mittens (warm and water resistant)
- 1 Scarf or neck warmer

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**KEYSTONE SCIENCE SCHOOL – MEDICAL / LIABILITY FORM (Required for participation)**

Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Year of KSS Visit \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

***In case of emergency, what other relative, neighbor or friend may be called?***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information**

*(If you do not have insurance, you will be responsible for all costs associated with medical treatment)*

Insurance Company & Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Co. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Client Medical Information**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Restrictions to participant's activities advised by physician\*:

Please complete the following regarding allergies to foods, medications and/or environmental allergens\*:

Allergen	Reaction	Medication taken for reaction
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Dietary Restrictions (medical or non-medical)\*:

What medications is the participant currently taking? And for what condition are these medications being taken?

Has the participant had a recent operation or illness pertinent to the activities of this program? **Yes No**

If yes, please explain?

Date of last tetanus shot

Does the participant have heart problems? **Yes No**

Does the participant have respiratory problems? **Yes No**

If yes to either of the above, please explain

Explain any other medical concerns, problems, or pre-existing conditions:

***\*If you have any questions or concerns regarding restrictions to activities, allergies, and/or dietary restrictions please feel free to contact School Programs at 970-468-2098 or email [SchoolPrograms@KeystoneScienceSchool.org](mailto:SchoolPrograms@KeystoneScienceSchool.org).***

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**KEYSTONE SCIENCE SCHOOL**

**Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release and Indemnity Form**

In consideration of the services of Keystone Science School ("KSS"), I, joined by my parents or guardian if I am under eighteen years of age, agree and acknowledge as follows:

**ACTIVITIES AND RISKS**

Although KSS has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled staff for the program for which I have registered, I acknowledge that the activities of the course have risks, including certain risks, which cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activities. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of these activities can cause loss or damage to my person or property, accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, disability or death. I understand that KSS does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm, but considers it important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the activities' inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

- KSS courses may occur in remote places, many hours from medical facilities. Communication and transportation are difficult and sometimes evacuations and medical care may be significantly delayed.
- Equipment may fail or malfunction, despite reasonable maintenance and use.
- Travel is by vehicle, snowshoe, snowmobile, skis, foot and/or other means, over rugged unpredictable off-trail terrain and improved and unimproved roads, including boulder fields, downed timber, rivers, rapids, river crossings, high mountain passes, snow and ice, steep slopes and slippery rocks. Attendant risks include collision, falling, drowning and others usually associated with such travel, including environmental risks, and all other risks reasonably associated with such outdoor travel.
- Environmental risks and hazards include, without limit: rapidly moving, deep or cold water; insects, snakes, and predators, including large animals; falling and rolling rock; lightning, avalanches, flash floods, falling timber, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather which may change to extreme conditions without notice, and any other such risk such as those set forth above. Possible injuries and illnesses include but are in no way limited to hypothermia, frostbite, non-freezing cold injury, high altitude illnesses, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions.
- KSS activities are conducted indoors and outdoors, day and night. Physical activities might include, but are in no way limited to, the following types of activity: hiking, backpacking, stream crossings, outdoor rock climbing, night hikes, challenge course activities, white water rafting, cross-country skiing, trail work, field games, outdoor cooking, overnight camping.
- KSS activities most likely involve travel to locations away from the primary classroom on our campus. If the travel is not supervised by KSS and includes the use of personal vehicles and/or carpooling in vehicles not owned or controlled in any way by KSS, KSS has no responsibility for any incident arising out of such travel.
- Decisions are made by KSS instructors and participants, usually in a national forest and/or wilderness setting, based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations which by their nature are imprecise and subject to reasonable errors in judgment. Misjudgments may pertain to, among other things, a participant's capabilities, environment, terrain, water and weather conditions, natural hazards, routes and medical conditions.
- KSS School Programs participants, including minors, will have unsupervised free time before, during and after their course. Free time activities are not part of the KSS program and are at the sole risk of the participants. KSS has no responsibility for such activities. KSS staff may from time to time provide assistance or even accompany participants in these free time activities, but in doing so, they are acting as private individuals, and not for KSS, and KSS is not responsible for their conduct. I acknowledge that engaging in this program may require a degree of skill and knowledge not required in other activities, and that I have responsibilities as a student for managing risks to which I and others may be exposed.
- I acknowledge that KSS activities are instructional in nature and I expect to be challenged to expand my skills and judgment. I acknowledge that the staff of KSS has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I represent to KSS that I am in good physical condition with no known **MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR PROBLEMS** that could limit my ability to safely participate in the Program, that I have actively sought confirmation of my represented physical status from a qualified medical professional, and that I assume all responsibility for all known or unknown conditions that may in any manner and to any degree affect my ability to safely participate in the program.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF INHERENT AND OTHER RISKS**

I understand that the description above of the risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks, inherent or otherwise, may result in property loss, injury, illness or death. I expressly acknowledge and assume the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with knowledge of the inherent risks. I represent that I am fully capable of participating in the program, without causing harm to others or myself. Therefore I assume and accept full responsibility for me and for injury, death and loss of personal property and expenses suffered by me and them as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my negligence or otherwise wrongful conduct in participating in these activities.

In further consideration of the services of KSS, I (joined by my parents or guardian if I am under eighteen years of age,) acknowledge that I have read and understand the Activities and Risks, above, and confirm its representations and agree to all its provisions as though they were fully set forth again here. In addition, except with respect to an injury or loss that occurs on public lands whose rules and regulations prohibit doing so, I acknowledge and expressly assume **all other** risks of the course and any other activity of KSS, whether those risks are known, unknown, inherent or otherwise.

**AGREEMENTS OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**

If I am an adult student, or the parent or guardian of a minor student, I agree, to the fullest extent allowed by law, for myself and on behalf of the minor child, if any, as follows:

- a) To release and discharge KSS, its owners, its agents, employees, trustees, advisors, officers, course sponsors, contractors, and all other persons or entities associated with it and its activities (individually and collectively referred to as "Released Parties") from any and all claims of injury, disability, death or other damage or loss which I or the minor child may suffer, arising out of or in anyway related to my, or the minor child's, enrollment or participation in the activities of KSS. I understand that in signing this document I, for myself and the minor child, surrender all rights to make a claim or file a lawsuit against a Released Party, for personal injury, property damage, wrongful death, products liability (including strict liability), breach of warranty or contract or under any other legal theory, except in cases of intentional wrongs or the gross negligence of KSS.
- b) To defend, indemnify (that is, protect by payment or reimbursement, including attorney's fees and costs), and hold harmless any and all Released Parties from any claim which may be brought by the minor child, a co-participant, rescuer or any other person, including a member of my or the minor child's family, asserting a loss, including by reason of my, or the minor child's injury or death, which may arise from or in anyway relate to my or the child's enrollment or participation in the activities of KSS.

The Release and Indemnity described above includes but is not limited to any claim arising out of or in any way related to transportation or other occurrences to and from any activity of KSS, and the use of KSS's equipment or facilities. The Release and Indemnity described above includes claims arising in whole or in part from negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties or any of them.

- I agree with KSS that this agreement is to be interpreted as waiving and releasing all claims arising from my participation in the Program **EVEN THOUGH CAUSED BY THE ACTS, OMISSIONS, NEGLIGENCE, OR THE FAULT OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.**
- This agreement is intended to be **AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE** as is permitted by the laws of the State of Colorado. If any portion of this agreement is found to be invalid, the balance of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
- This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, and any lawsuit or claim involving my participation in the Program or this agreement shall be brought only in the state courts of Summit County, Colorado.

**OTHER PROVISIONS**

I, (joined by my parents or guardian if I am under eighteen years of age) further agree as follows:

KSS is authorized to obtain or provide emergency hospitalization, surgical or other medical care for me. Any such third-party medical care provider is authorized to exchange pertinent medical information with KSS. Costs reasonable associated with medical services, including evacuation or transportation shall be born by me, if an adult, or by the parent or guardian of a minor student.

Any dispute between KSS and me and/or my parents or guardian shall be governed by the substantive laws (not including the laws which might apply the laws of another jurisdiction) of the State of Colorado, and any mediation or suit shall occur or be filed only in the State of Colorado. If I have any legal dispute with KSS that cannot be settled through discussions between the parties, I will attempt to settle the dispute through mediation before a mutually acceptable mediator. To the extent mediation does not result in a resolution, the dispute will be submitted to binding arbitration in Colorado pursuant to the procedures under the Colorado Uniform Arbitration Act. If any part of this agreement is found by a court or other appropriate authority to be invalid, the remainder of the agreement nevertheless will be in full force and effect. This agreement is entered into voluntarily, after careful consideration and is binding upon the persons signing below, their heirs, executors, administrators, wards, minor children and other family members. Its terms may be varied only by a written instrument signed by the parties.

**MODEL AND STATEMENT RELEASE**

Periodically, Keystone Science School uses photos of and statements made by participants in Keystone Science School programs for newsletters, fund-raising efforts, brochures and articles about the School. All photos and statements are used with reasonable judgment for purposes directly relating to operating the School. This release form gives Keystone Science School permission by the signer, the Parent or Guardian of participant, to utilize their child's photos or statement for the purposes mentioned above.

**THE PARTICIPANT AND/OR THE PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR PARTICIPANT HAVE READ THIS PAGE AND THE PREVIOUS PAGE AND UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO ITS TERMS, INCLUDING THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ASSUMPTIONS OF RISKS, AGREEMENTS OF RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AND THE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS, ABOVE.**

**At least one parent** (preferably both) **or guardian** must sign below if the participant is under 18 years of age to reflect their understanding and agreement, for themselves and on behalf of the participant, to the provisions of the Acknowledgements and Assumptions of Risks, Agreements of Release and Indemnity and additional provisions, above, including, though not exclusively, their agreements to release and indemnify the Released Parties.

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant/Parent or Guardian  
Signature

Printed Name Participant/ Parent  
or Guardian Signature

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Date

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or Guardian Signature

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Date

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*We aim to send no more than one email a month.*

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_