

# XLR8 INFORMED LETTER OF CONSENT

Gateway Alliance Church  
July 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent:

We are planning the below listed activities as part of our programming that requires your permission prior to participation. We have provided details of the activities and request that you fully complete and sign this permission form.

While every precaution is taken for the safety of your child(ren), some activities, including transportation, carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury. Your permission is required in order for us to provide this transportation and in order for your child(ren) to participate in events. Please carefully read the following information and consent form. If you are in agreement, please sign this and return it to Pastor Drake at Gateway Alliance Church.

**Note:** XLR8 is a youth group designed for students of a certain age. In order to participate in XLR8 events, students must be between grades 6 and 12.

As part of our programming we will typically have an offsite event once a month. Provided below is a description of the other events that will occur in our monthly programming.

- **OUTBREAK** – This event consists of passionate worship, teaching that is relevant and relatable, and building relationships across denominations and generations.
  - This night will be a large crowd, contained in an enclosed room with dim and sporadic lighting.
- **CHAOS** – This is a night for Grades 6-9, with plenty of activities and some crazy games.
  - The games could be full contact, messy, high intensity, and contain food items. Risk of injury is a possibility, as it would be with any sporting game.
- **Sr High House Parties** – This is a night for Grades 9-12, with live music, time to hang out and relax, and a segment where students can ask hard questions about life, faith, and everything in between. We will be going off-site to a parents or a leader's house for this event.
  - There is little risk involved with this night; however there will be occasional team building and ice-breaking exercises that present certain risks.
  - We may be providing transportation for certain students from the church to the house party with a leader over the age of 25.
- **XLR8 Arcade** – This is a night for youth to come and take part in fun activities and games, and also have time to just relax and hang out.
  - As with CHAOS, the games could involve physical contact as well as materials and props that could present danger to those with allergies.
- **Girls and Guys Nights** – This is a night for guys and girls Grades 6-12, where guys and girls will be divided up and given time to hang out and relax, play video games, do arts and crafts, and to apply what they have learned on other youth nights to their lives. We will often be going off-site to a parents or a leader's house for this event, and will be using a bus for transportation.
  - There is little risk involved with this night; however there will be occasional gym nights or sports nights that may involve physical contact.
- **Summer Drop-in** – This is our summer programming for Grades 6-12, with lots of time to hang out, a few fun games and a short teaching opportunity that will challenge the youth.
  - There is little risk involved with this night, however there will be the occasional water based game or other activities involving physical contact.

For the following offsite activities supervision will be provided to and from, as well as at the location of the activity, however supervision will be limited and students will be allowed to wander around without leaders, as the activities require. Due to the nature of these events, students will not be under constant supervision, and will be expected to behave respectfully. Transportation will be provided to and from

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each event, but once we arrive at the event, it will be the student’s responsibility to meet up at the agreed upon meeting places, throughout and at the conclusion of the event. As these events are held in public facilities, we have no control over the people who are sharing the space with us, and this means that there will be crowds and strangers. Students will be instructed to stay within the agreed upon boundaries at all times, and Gateway Alliance Church will not be held responsible for any student who decides to leave the area without direct permission from a Gateway Alliance Staff member.

- **West Edmonton Mall Waterpark** (8882 170 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5T 4J2)  
The water park consists of slides, a wave pool, and hot tubs. Due to the nature of the waterpark, we will have no control over the people who are sharing the park with us, however there will be mall security on the premises
- **West Edmonton Mall Galaxyland** (8882 170 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5T 4J2)  
The amusement park consists of many rides and food vendors. Due to the nature of the amusement park, we will have no control over the people who are sharing the space with us, however there will be mall security on the premises
- **Bronx Bowling Alley** (12940 127 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5L 1A9)  
Bronx bowling alley is an enclosed space, located on the North End.
- **LaunchPad Trampoline Park** (6142 50 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6B)  
A trampoline park, in which kids can participate in various activities on giant trampolines, including dodge ball. Trampolines present many dangers and students will be responsible for following all of the rules set forth by the LaunchPad staff, as well as Gateway Alliance Staff.
- **YC Alberta** (Rexall Place, 7424 118 Ave, Edmonton, AB T5B 0X2)  
Supervision will be provided to and from Rexall Place and Northlands, but once students leave the bus, supervision will no longer be provided. Students without cell phones will be expected to stay with a buddy who has a cell phone, however we will not be able to control if students refuse to stay with their partners. Supervision will be provided overnight at the Church, which will be locked for security purposes.
- **Zombie Run** (Capital Airsoft, 11217 149 Street Northwest, Edmonton, AB T5M 2T9)  
We will be traveling to Capital Airsoft, and trying to work our way through a maze while being chased by leaders dressed as zombies. There will be carnival games and activities. This will involve running, and as this will be an open fundraiser, we will have limited control over the people who are sharing the maze with us.
- **Last Minute Outings** – On occasion during planning we may need to arrange a backup event, or on occasion we may head to another church, house, gym, etc. as the event may call for. The same rules of conduct and supervision apply here as does above. We will do our best to inform every one of the details before hand

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are unable to lock the facility doors from the inside and if someone wished to leave without our knowing, this would be possible. All students must be responsible enough to listen to leaders and stay on the premise for the duration of the event, unless a leader has spoken to a parent and arrangements have been made for an earlier pick up. We will not be responsible if students leave without our or your consent. Please have this conversation with your student(s). You are responsible to drop off and pick up your student(s) or to have a plan for their arrival to and from the event. If you are not picking them up, please inform us of who will be picking them up. Failure to comply by a student may forfeit their ability to participate in XLR8 activities.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Though we will never be able to guarantee supervision of students at all times for any event, we always encourage a buddy system and have leaders roaming the area and keeping their eyes open. Your child(ren) need to be responsible, looking out for their safety and the safety of others, listening to instructions from leaders and staff, and encouraging communication. If a student does not abide by the rules, leaves any event, or chooses to make a decision that will cause harm to themselves or anyone else, the staff, leaders, and volunteers of Gateway Alliance Church, the company of transportation, and the event location, cannot be held responsible for the negligence of the student(s). We expect our students to act with maturity and safety. We will create the safest environment

**Student Information\***

*\*This information is not required, but is helpful for attendance & communications purposes.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

possible during all of our events, but accidents happen and unforeseen things do occur. As well, we expect students to be responsible enough to keep everyone safe and follow the rules.

## PERMISSIONS

Please ensure you read and fill out *all* six sections of this form in order to ensure your full knowledge and consent about all potential risks of the events that your child may be attending.

### 1. Transportation:

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child(ren) to be transported in a bus provided by First Student or in a vehicle driven by a responsible adult leader over the age of 25, to the specified events at their respective locations. I understand that my child is expected to follow all applicable laws regarding riding in a bus/vehicle and is expected to follow the directions provided by the driver and/or other adult volunteers.

I have read, understand, and discussed with my child that:

1. They are expected to respect one another, the bus/vehicle they ride in, and the people they encounter while participating in XLR8 events.
2. Riding a bus may result in personal injuries or death, due to collisions, object interference, or the acts of those they ride with.
3. They will remain in their seat and not be disruptive to the driver of the bus/vehicle.

I recognize that by participating in this activity, as with any activity involving motor vehicle transportation, my child may risk personal injury or permanent loss. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

I hereby consent to the participation of my/our child(ren) in these supervised activities;

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Medical Information:

While every precaution is taken for the safety and good health, some sports and activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury beyond the risks associated with many of the recreational activities at Gateway Alliance Church. I/we understand and accept these risks and agree that by allowing my child to participate in those activities, he/she may be taking part in a recreational activity that presents the potential for personal injury.

I/we, the parents or guardians named below, authorize the Director or one of Gateway Alliance Church's Personnel to sign a consent for medical treatment and to authorize any physician or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for the participant named above.



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Parent or Legal Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Health Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Does your Child have any physical, emotional, mental, behavioral concerns or limitations that staff should be aware of?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your Child bringing any medication with him/her?  Yes  No

If yes, please list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. General Waiver:**

I/we, named below, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless First Student, Gateway Alliance Church, its personnel, its Directors and Board from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of Gateway Alliance Church, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the supervising individuals representing Gateway Alliance Church. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in or travelling to events of Gateway Alliance Church. I hereby attest and verify that I have been advised of the potential risks, that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I assume any expenses that may be incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity, regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I also understand that membership at Gateway Alliance Church is not a requirement for participation in the aforementioned XLR8 youth events.

Parent or Legal Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Consent Clause:**

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that Gateway Alliance Staff will only be responsible for my children between the allotted times of the event. It is the parent's or legal guardian's responsibility to ensure that their child arrives safely to the event, and is picked up on time after the event. Gateway will not be responsible for providing rides for anyone who is attending the event. Once the time of the event is over, the church will be locked and parents will be responsible for picking their children up. Gateway will not be responsible for any children outside of the hours of the event and any actions they may do. Gateway will also not be responsible for any children who choose to leave during the hours of the event.

I, the parent/guardian, also understand that these events are for youth and thus will only allow my children between the ages of 11 and 18 to attend.

Parent or Legal Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_



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**5. Media Exposure:**

I/we hereby grant permission for the reasonable use of pictures containing my/our child(ren) in any or all of the following ways:

- Brochures/Promotional material
- Website
- Videotaping
- Organization
- Newsletters

Parent or Legal Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Parent / Guardian**

I/we have read understood and agree with above and sign it to cover all Youth Ministry activities for the program year effective as stated below.

Parent or Legal Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This permission form is effective from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through till September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

***\*\*If you have any concern that your child is unable to live up to this standard, we advise you not to allow them to come\*\****

