

KENT COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT
CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION

On behalf of my minor child, I consent to my child's participation in the Kent County Parks Department (Parks) Volunteer Services park and trail projects program for a project or event.

In consideration of my child's participation in the program, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I acknowledge that my child will perform volunteer activities in a Kent County park, which may include but are not limited to litter and brush cleanup, flower planting, flower bed maintenance, tree or seed planting, invasive species control, raking, or special projects..
2. I acknowledge that trail and park volunteer activities and projects may pose dangers to my child or to other persons, and there is a possibility of injury to my child or damage to her or his property, or to others or their property.
3. I have informed my child that she or he must follow all safety instructions provided by Parks employees. I also understand that I must supervise my minor child during all Volunteer Services projects and events; or I acknowledge that my child will be supervised by a representative of an organization that has registered for a Volunteer Services project and is a designated supervisor of my child as part of the organization.
4. I understand that my child will be provided with various tools and supplies, including, but not limited to garbage bags for litter and brush cleanup, hand tools for planting, rakes, loppers, garbage grabbers, pails, seeds, flowers, etc.
5. I know of no reason, medical or otherwise, which would prevent my child from participating in the program.
6. I represent and warrant that I have the legal authority to execute this waiver and represent that Kent County and Parks may rely on this representation and warranty.
7. I represent and warrant that I have an adequate medical insurance policy that will reasonably cover any expenses that might be incurred for injury to my child during her or his participation as a volunteer.
8. I agree that my child's participation in the program, including the use of any tools or supplies, shall be entirely at my and my child's own risk. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless Kent County, Parks, their officials, officers, employees, agents and assigns, from and against all claims, judgments, losses, damages, demands, payments, recoveries, legal proceedings, orders and decrees of every nature and description, including attorney fees, of me, my child, or any other person, arising out of or resulting from my child's participation in the program. I hereby expressly waive, for me, my child, our heirs and assigns, the right to institute an action or suit at law or in equity against Kent County or Parks, their officials, officers, employees, agents or assigns, or institute, prosecute, or in any way aid in the institution or prosecution of any claim, demand, action or cause of action for damages, costs, loss of services, expenses or compensation for or on account of any damage, loss or injury, either to person or property or both, resulting or to result, known or unknown, past, present, or future, arising out of my child's participation in the program.
9. I agree that the terms and conditions stated in Sections 6, 7 and 8 above shall survive following my child's participation as a volunteer.
10. I understand that Parks may terminate my child's participation as a volunteer at any time and for any reason.
11. I understand that neither my child nor I will receive any wages or benefits for my child's participation as a volunteer, and agree that my child's experiences as a volunteer shall constitute full and adequate consideration for my child's participation.

12. I understand and acknowledge that photographs are taken of most volunteer events by either a volunteer photographer or Kent County Parks Department staff. These event photos, including the name of the school, group or organization (but not the names of minor volunteers) are sometimes used for volunteer services programs; presentations, or Kent County Parks Website or Volunteer Facebook page; and/or other Parks Department publications or programs. I agree that any photographs of volunteer events that may include my child can be used by KCP Volunteer Services in any of the aforementioned publications or programs and that the photos are the property of Kent County Parks Volunteer Services. If you do not want photos taken of your child by Kent County Park's staff, please let Kent County Parks Volunteer Coordinator know during project photography sessions. (Kent County Parks is not responsible for any photos taken by photographers other than Kent County Parks staff.)
13. I have carefully read this Consent and Release, have had the opportunity to review it with an attorney of my choosing, know and understand its contents, and have signed it as my free act and deed.
14. I understand that I can have access to the Volunteer Services Handbook and acknowledge my obligation to read, understand, and comply with its contents. I understand that the KCP Volunteer Services Handbook is intended to provide an overview and does not necessarily represent all policies in force. Kent County Parks may at any time add, change, or rescind any policy or practice at its sole discretion.

Project Date: _____ **Project Site:** _____

Project Type: _____

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Email

Child's Name

Date

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Send to: Kent County Parks Department, Volunteer Services, 1700 Butterworth Dr. SW G.R. MI 49534