

## Swim Competency Test Waiver Form

### Swim Competency Information:

Illinois Student Ministries and Lake Williamson Christian Center requires all participants who partake in water (indoor pool, outdoor pool and lakeside) activities to show competency and confidence of swimming skills. Activities for participants who show this competency include, but are not limited to, swimming in the deep end of pools (indoor and outdoor) and being allowed to utilize water inflatables, water trampoline and other water games/activities in the deeper parts of the lake.\* Students wishing to participate in said activities will be **required** to test unless this form is completed.

Lake Williamson's Swim Competency Test consists of the following:

1. Swimmer must jump (feet first) into the deep end of the pool and fully submerge themselves.
2. Swimmer must be able to collect themselves after resurfacing and swim unassisted from the deep end of the pool to the shallow end of the pool.

All campers who prove their Swim Competency or waive the Swim Competency Test will be given a bracelet and allowed to participate in above mentioned "deep water" activities.

Any camper who does not waive the Swim Competency Test and does not prove to their Swim Competency will be restricted to designated shallow areas of the pools and lake.

### Participant Information:

Name of Participant being Waived: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M – F Grade Level Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

### Participation Agreement:

By signing below, I confirm that I am the parent/guardian of the child(ren) listed. I also confirm that my child(ren) has the swimming skills necessary to safely participate in swimming activities including but not limited to those listed above and may forego the Swim Competency Test. I acknowledge that waiving the Swim Competency Test involves risk to the participant (and to the participant's parents or guardians if the participant is a minor), and may result in various types of injury included, but not limited to, the following: sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage, and financial damage.

In consideration for the opportunity to waive the Swim Competency Test as described above, the parent/guardian of participant acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with financial responsibility for any injury or other loss sustained as a result of waiving the Swim Competency Test during water activities or during transportation to and from the activities, as well as for any medical treatment rendered to the participant that is authorized by Illinois Student Ministries and Lake Williamson or their agents, employees, volunteers or any other representatives. Further, the parent/guardian releases and promises to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Illinois Student Ministries, Lake Williamson Christian Center, Illinois District Council Assembly of God, it's directors, associates and affiliates for any injury arising directly or indirectly out participation in water activities or transportation to and from the activity, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the activity sponsor, the participant or otherwise.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the parent/guardian agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the parent/guardian and the activity sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitrations Association.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Regardless of swim level, all participants (counselors included) are required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) while participating in any waterfront activity. Also, Certified Lifeguards\*\* will be on duty at all water locations during all times while campers are present.

\*\*Lake Williamson's Certified Lifeguards maintain the right to, at any point, instruct a participant to complete a Swim Competency Test (regardless of waiver status) if they feel the participant does not have the necessary swimming abilities to safely participate in water activities. On-duty Lifeguard discretion supersedes this waiver.