

# Volunteer Release & Background Check - Confidential

## Acknowledgment of Disclosure of Risk and Permission to be a Volunteer at The Christian Disciple Farm and/or Festival

Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Servant Community (event sponsor) to conduct research on my background in order to approve my volunteer application and to insure the safety of the mission and festival environment.

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Many of the wonderful farm/festival experiences are photographed by family members and volunteers, along with occasional visits from reporters. These pictures may be used for publicity or publications about The Christian Disciple Festival, The Christian Disciple Farm, and Servant Community.

As a volunteer at The Christian Disciple Farm &/or Festival, and in recognition of the possible danger to which I may be voluntarily subjected to, including, but not limited to, horseback riding, rock wall climbing, and cooperative games, I the undersigned hereby knowingly, freely and voluntarily waive any right or cause of action, of any kind whatsoever, arising as a result of such activity from which any liability may or could occur as a volunteer at The Christian Disciple Farm &/or Festival to be held August 6-12, 2017.

I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of all volunteers and participants, and that parents of minor children will be notified as soon as possible in case of any emergency. If an emergency were to happen, I understand that I will be taken to the nearest hospital. In the event that a parent of a minor child cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby authorize the calling of a physician at my expense to provide whatever medical or surgical treatment is necessary.

It is expressly understood and agreed that Servant Community, Ken or Sue Rheingans (owners of Raspberry Hill Farm-camp event location), Harnischfeger Park (festival location), or any other participating individual or organization, shall not be responsible or legally liable for any losses of personal property or for any bodily injuries, or the results thereof, incurred and suffered by myself, or my child, in connection with any activities or programs taking place that week.

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

Parent's signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **ALL Volunteers need to fill out release forms.**

**NO MINOR** Volunteers will be allowed on the grounds without a signed release form.

Please provide two, non-relative references: (Include name, relationship and phone number)

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Please return this signed form, along with your signed covenant form, and payment (made out to Christian Disciple Festival) to Ken Rheingans at W1008 Froelich Rd, Sullivan, WI 53178 . If you did not register online send in your registration form also. If you have any questions please contact Ken at (414)807-3193 during the day or (262) 593-5616 evenings and weekends or e-mail him at Rheingans@aol.com or visit the websites at [www.disciplefarm.com](http://www.disciplefarm.com) & [www.disciplefest.com](http://www.disciplefest.com)

# Christian Disciple Farm & Festival 2017 Covenant

Each registered participant will be expected to read carefully and sign.

As a representative of Christ, I, the participant in The Christian Disciple Farm &/or Festival, take seriously my responsibility to care for others. This covenant represents affirmation of my concern for the well being of the total community. I covenant to ensure the safety of all, to make our time together most meaningful, and to care for the facility that we share. In addition I specifically agree and understand that:

- † Anything considered illegal in Wisconsin is illegal for everyone participating in The Christian Disciple Farm & Festival.
- † I will not partake in tobacco use; drug use; alcohol consumption; possession of firearms, weapons, or fireworks. Tobacco use is discouraged for adults, but is allowed in designated areas. Adults are expected to abide by all other restrictions placed on minors.
- † For the safety and enjoyment of the campers, I will not use my cell phone for talking or texting during camp hours at the Christian Disciple Farm. I realize that doing so, may result in having my cell phone taken until camp is over that day.
- † I understand that the dress code for all participants is to wear crew neck t-shirts and that clothing should be appropriate for a co-ed Christian environment. Wear clothing that you would be comfortable wearing at your church for a picnic, having lunch with your **grandma, or meeting your significant other's parents. For girls, that means no spaghetti straps or strapless tops, no bare midriffs, no cleavage and no short shorts or skirts (use the fingertip rule). Please don't even pack** such clothing, as you will be asked to change or given a t-shirt to put on over your outfit.
  - † I will make every attempt possible to attend training on Sunday night at the Harnischfeger Park. If I cannot attend I will review the materials prior to Monday morning.
  - † I understand that no one under 18 is allowed offsite at the Farm or the Festival grounds without an official adult chaperone.
  - † I will use language, behavior and attitude which is consistent with the Christian Faith
  - † I will respect the person, equipment and property of others. (Keep this in mind when considering practical jokes, water fights, etc.) I will do no harm to others and respect the Farm & Festival sites and their property.
- † I understand that the Christian Disciple Farm accepts campers based upon the number of volunteers who sign up. I will do my very best to keep my commitment to attend realizing that campers are depending on me.
- † Any accidental damage to the Harnischfeger Park or Disciple Farm property will be billed to the persons who caused the damage. Any intentional damage (such as vandalism) will result in expulsion from the event.
- † Quiet time begins at 11:00 PM in the tent area, 10PM in RV area and continues until 6 AM the following morning. Curfew is at Midnight. All disciple Festival overnight participants are expected to be in the camping area after curfew.
- † It is preferred that radios, tape/CD players, portable video games, and other electronic entertainment not be brought to the Festival. Portable video players are not allowed to be used without direct adult supervision. Electronic devices are to be played only during free time and not during quiet time. All noise will be kept at a level that does not disturb others. Violators of this rule may have their equipment taken.
- † Visitation between males and females under 18 years old, in tents, RVs, Cars, or pop-up trailers is prohibited unless directly **supervised in a group setting by the group's official chaperone.**

I understand that violations of this covenant and/or other inappropriate behavior could require disciplinary action, for youth and adults. Decisions about appropriate disciplinary action will be made in consultation with the adult group leaders or responsible individual and the Farm and Festival directors. Disciple Farm & Festival directors reserve the right to call parents/guardians or to dismiss any person who breaks this covenant.

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Participant's Signature	Date	If part of a group	Pastor/youth leader	Date
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If under 18	Parent/Guardian	Date
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**Parents Please note:** By signing this document you acknowledge you have discussed this covenant with your child and understand that if he or she violates this covenant you will be asked to come and take your child home.

NOTE: Illegal activity may be reported to the County Sheriff.