

**Parent/Guardian Field Studies Consent Form**  
**STREET2PEAK PROJECT: Patagonia Chile - March 2017**  
**2016 Summer Training Hikes**

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this form is to inform you about the Streetfront / Britannia Community School's STREET2PEAK PROJECT that seeks to enrich your child's life and learning through physical activity, dedication to a grand vision, powerful team experiences, international travel and cultural immersion. Following up on our successful Mt. Kilimanjaro trip to Tanzania, Africa in March 2015 we now focus our attention to backpacking in the Torres del Paine National Park in the Patagonia region of Chile, South America. In order to assist us in assembling our next team the following summer training hikes will be used to determine those youth who are physically fit, sound team members and dedicated to the long process necessary to make our trip safe and successful.

**This is an important document. Please review the contents of this Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form carefully prior to providing permission for your child to participate in these excursions. Clarify any questions or concerns with the Lead Teacher BEFORE signing it.**

**If this form is not signed and returned to the school your child WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY TRAINING HIKES until we receive this form.**

### **PROGRAM/ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

#### **DESTINATIONS, ACTIVITIES, DATES:**

Mt. Seymour (North Vancouver)	Hiking	July 10th	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
High Falls Creek (Squamish)	Hiking	July 17th	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Elk-Thurston (Chilliwack)	Hiking	July 24th	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Baden Powell - Deep Cove to Lynn (N. Van.)	Backpacking	August 7th	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Norvan Falls (North Vancouver)	Backpacking	August 14th	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Capilano Pacific Trail (North Vancouver)	Backpacking	August 21st	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Cheakamus Lake (Whistler)	Backpacking	August 28th	8:00 am - 8:00 pm

**SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN:** Hiking and backpacking - progressively adding carried weight each outing.

**PURPOSE OR EDUCATIONAL GOAL(S):** Outdoor Education/Leadership, team building, hard and soft outdoor skills, environmental education and appreciation, physical and mental health, and one of many criteria used to select team members - all towards the goal of backpacking Torres del Paine National Park, Chile, South America.

**METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION:** Britannia Community Centre vehicles and/or Staff vehicle(s)

**EDUCATOR-in-CHARGE:** Barry Skillin - assisted by various Street2Peak team members and volunteers

**COST TO THE STUDENT:** \$0

**WHAT TO BRING:** Dress appropriately for weather, hiking boots, water, the 10 essentials and additional gear to simulate the gear/weight we will be carrying on the March 2017 trip.

**BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS:** Students are to comply with the Project's values and Vancouver School Board policies at all times.

#### **SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board and Staff will make every reasonable effort to ensure or ascertain that:

- The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
- The students are adequately supervised in all aspects of the program/activity.
- Class attendance will be left with office staff (or Community Centre office if school office is closed) of who is on the field trip.
- The location(s) used are appropriate and safe for the activities and group.
- A Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks. An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or illness to any of the students.
- A detailed medical form will be carried by staff while on the field study
- Staff carry at least two communication devices for the event of an emergency.

**POTENTIAL KNOWN RISKS AND SPECIAL SAFETY INFORMATION**

- Injuries related to vehicle crashes en route to and from activity area
- Becoming lost or separated from the group or the group becoming split up
- Injuries related to tripping, falling and colliding
- Foot injuries(e.g. blisters, sprains) or leg/knee injuries
- Respiratory distress
- Hypothermia due to insufficient clothing (exposure) and/or cold water (immersion)
- Allergic reactions to, but not limited to; plants, insects, lotions or food
- Sun or wind burns, heat exhaustion or heat stroke
- other risks normally associated with participation in hiking/backpacking in a natural environment

**CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

While school staff and volunteers will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of these activities, and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activities are taking place. By allowing your child to participate in these activities, you are agreeing that the activities described above is suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with any activity.

- My child has been informed that he/she is to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require his/her exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have him/her picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements.
- I acknowledge that the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of parent/guardian) give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of student) to participate in the field study described above. I understand that my child may be exposed to a risk of injury due to accidents while participating in these activities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Numbers: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (please include any restrictions or limitations which would prevent your child from fully participating in this trip, or any other special concerns which Board staff should be aware of surrounding your child.

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**NOTE:** Efforts to minimize costs have been made to support student participation. In accordance with Board policy Students Fees, Fines and Hardship no student shall be denied an opportunity to participate in an activity because of an inability to pay fees. Please contact the teacher or Principal if you have questions or concerns regarding the amounts listed above.