

BRANTFORD LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY INC.

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

To be completed by parent or legal guardian for participants under the age of 19.

This Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form is an agreement between the custodial parent/guardian of the participant and Brantford Lapidary and Mineral Society Inc. (“**BLMS**”). This choice to participate in any **BLMS** program is made freely and with the understanding of the associated benefits, risks and responsibilities. This is not a waiver and signing this form DOES NOT waive your child’s legal rights.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Child’s Name (Please Print): _____

Activities

The **BLMS** hosts a Lapidary Workshop and a several Field Trips during the year in which children can participate. The Lapidary Workshop and Field Trips entail the following activities:

a. Lapidary Workshop: The Lapidary Workshop takes place at the 125 Stanley St. Unit 5 in Brantford Ontario. Focus of this workshop is cutting and polishing stone to create cabochons for display and jewellery purposes, also provide specialty workshops. Participants have access to certain lapidary equipment, including but not limited to silicon carbide and diamond grinding and polishing wheels, in addition to trim and slab saws. The potential risks include the risk of injury from: use of lapidary equipment, including but not limited to cuts, scrapes, electrocution, and burns caused by this equipment; flying rocks or other debris; and inhalation of fumes, dust, or other toxic material.

b. Field Trips: Field Trips takes place outdoors at sites across Ontario and in the USA. Focus of our Field Trips is to gather rocks, crystals and minerals that can be used to create cabochons and jewellery or simply to add to your collections. Participants may encounter dangerous terrain including canyons and steep slopes. Potential risks include the risk of injury from: falling rocks or other debris; slips or falls; and dangerous wildlife.

(Collectively, the “Activities”)

I acknowledge that engaging in Activities with the **BLMS** requires a degree of skill and knowledge different than regular activities at school and therefore my child has additional responsibilities as a participant in the Lapidary Workshop and/or Field Trips to act prudently and carefully. Certain hazards and risks are inherent to the Activities and eliminating the hazards and risks would compromise the unique character of the experience. These inherent hazards and risks can result in loss, or damage to equipment, personal property, or injury, illness, or death.

In addition to the hazards and risks described above, the hazards and risks of the Activities may also include, but are not limited to, the following: acts of other participants (including from the failure of other participants to follow instructions or obey safety regulations), manufacturer defects or malfunctions in equipment, and weather conditions

Notice to Parent/Guardian

It is a condition to the Child’s participation in the Activities, that you, the undersigned Parent/Guardian of the Child, must carefully read and understand this document and sign it to acknowledge that you have read and understand it and that you understand the Child’s participation in the Activities will expose the Child to risks of harm.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility of Child

I, the undersigned Parent/Guardian of the Child, understand and accept that, in respect of the Child's participation in the Activities, it is my responsibility (1) to ensure that I consider and understand the risks, dangers, hazards and potential harm inherent in the Activities, (2) to determine, taking into consideration those risks and the Child's behavioural characteristics, physical health and abilities, whether the Child should be allowed to participate in the Activities, (3) to have read the clothing and equipment list provided by **BLMS** and I accept full responsibility for inadequate clothing or equipment and for clothing and equipment which I fail to provide to the Child, (4) to be a member of **BLMS**, and as a member be responsible for the Child's supervision and their actions, (5) to contact the staff of Workshop Staff or Fieldtrip Coordinator to more fully explain to the nature and physical demands of the Activities and the risks, dangers, hazards and potential harm inherent in the Activities.

Aware of Risks

I AM AWARE OF AND NOW FREELY ACCEPT THE RISKS TO THE CHILD IN CONNECTION WITH HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) the Child's participation in the Activities, even if the Child possesses behavioural characteristics, physical health and abilities appropriate for the Activities, poses risks of harm to the Child; and
- (2) the nature of the Activities is such that **BLMS** cannot identify all risks associated with the Activities and cannot guarantee that **BLMS** staff participating in the Activities will not make errors therein or that other individuals participating in the activities will not cause injuries therein that staff can or might be able to prevent.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED PARENT/GUARDIAN, AM THE PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD AND FOR THE CHILD I HEREBY CONSENT TO HIM OR HER PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES

In signing this document and permitting the Child to participate in the Activities, I do not rely upon any oral and written statements, promises or other communications made by the **BLMS** other than set out in this document. This document will be exclusively governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Ontario and no court outside Ontario will have any jurisdiction over this Consent, the Activities, or any other matter arising from them.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of **BLMS** Representative Receiving Document: _____

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