



## Camp Application Form

Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures (HCWA) is a not-for-profit wilderness learning seminar operated by the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (producers of Tribal Trails TV). This organization has been actively involved in sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with Canada's Aboriginal people for over 60 years. HCWA has run camps since 1993 and is specifically designed for First Nations young people ages 13-19.

With safety as the governing principle, each day's activities are guaranteed to stretch the whole person, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The qualities of trust, endurance, humility, sensitivity to others, patience, love, self-confidence, initiative, service, leadership, and self-discipline are built into the lives of the team as it learns to function in the wilderness *together*. Fear is faced and conquered, and skills are developed as team members find the freedom to try, maybe fail, try again and succeed in a program that is geared to success. HCWA is led by trained, skilled and committed Christian leaders who really care for teens.

Higher Challenge activities may vary according to season or site, but may include things like: backpacking, canoe training, non-technical mountain climbing, rock climbing and rappel, orienteering, survival skill training, swimming, fishing, cliff jumping, flat and moving water paddling and tripping, and many other outdoor pursuits. Lifetime skills are taught on our trips and leadership is encouraged. Through feedback and personal evaluation, every meaningful situation in camp is applied to real life – in fact we have a saying: "Life imitates Trails." In our camps, God is presented as more than just our Creator – He is presented as a personal God who has a plan for all human beings of every race or culture – a plan which is given in the Bible and demonstrated by His Son, Jesus Christ.

HCWA supplies all group gear which includes: canoes and paddles, PFDs, packs, sleeping bags, tents, backpacks, cooking gear, food, first aid and emergency communications. We also supply transportation from and back to Timber Bay, Saskatchewan. You are encouraged to sign up early for our camps as they do often fill up.

## HCWA Guidelines & Policies

**(1) Registration, medical and liability release forms, along with all necessary funds, must be filled out, signed and given or sent to camp coordinator before camp. Payment of fees must be done before camp starts. Absolutely no personal cheques unless pre-approved and submitted two weeks ahead of camp.**

**(2) Drugs, alcohol are strictly forbidden – their possession or use will cause immediate dismissal from camp at camper's expense. We reserve the right to report possession and or use of illegal substances to parents/guardian and law enforcement authorities. Use of tobacco for those under 18 is prohibited and strongly discouraged by those over 18.**

**(3) HCWA supplies all group gear and food and provides transportation from and back to Timber Bay, SK. Campers are expected to be at Timber Bay by 9 a.m. on the starting day of the trip. Campers will be back at Timber Bay by 5 p.m. on the closing day of the trip unless circumstances prohibit it. Communication will be made through NCEM Headquarters (306-764-3388). If necessary, pre-arranged pick-up / drop-off points can be made, but only with parent/guardian permission.**

**(4) Emergency communication (satphone/cellphone) equipment and an emergency plan will be in place for every camp. These phones are for calling out only and only used for camp business or camp emergencies.**

**(5) Campers must adhere to HCWA rules and obey the leaders who are responsible for the safety and welfare of the group.**

**(6) HCWA prohibits leaving a camp early without permission and is not responsible for those who choose to do so.**

**(7) Camper/Staff ratios will try to be kept around 3/1.**

**(8) To secure a place on a camp, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is to be paid at least two weeks before the start of a camp. This fee may be transferred to another camper.**

**(9) HCWA will seek to have co-ed camps. These camps will encourage the highest moral standards of purity, privacy and respect for the opposite sex. No form of sexual harassment or bullying will be tolerated.**

**(10) Safety will be the governing principle of all activities. If an activity is deemed unsafe because of weather, water conditions or levels, or any unforeseeable circumstance, we will not do that activity. If behaviour of any individual threatens the safety of the group, or if an individual refuses to cooperate with leadership, the parent/guardian will be contacted and they will have to provide transportation out of the camp for the offender at their own expense and without refund of any fees.**

**(11) HCWA leaders will have the freedom to teach principles based on the Bible and Christian living. HCWA promotes no specific church and recognizes the freedom of spiritual choice of the individual.**

**(12) HCWA is not responsible for the loss or damage of any personal property of any camper or staff.**

## HCWA CONTACT PEOPLE

HCWA Camp Coordinator

Tom Cnossen

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Tom Cnossen

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**Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures CAMPER APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Treaty # \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency please notify : \_\_\_\_\_ / Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Which camp will you be going on? \_\_\_\_\_

Camp deposit (\$50) included to secure a spot? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT** (must be read & signed)

"I promise to commit myself to full cooperation with the leaders and other team members during the HCWA program and to participate in all the activities and to complete the course. I realize that refusal to cooperate, or behavior which endangers the group may mean my early dismissal from camp at my expense and with no refund of fees."

Signed (camper) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** If funding is coming from an outside agency (eg., from the Band, Brighter Futures, or ICFS), you need to have that funding secured before we can accept this application – that means having the funding agent sign this form committing to pay those fees.

“Our agency has agreed to cover the fees of \_\_\_\_\_ on:

(please circle) SK Churchill River #1 (\$250) / SK Churchill River #2 (\$250) / SK Churchill River #3 (\$250)

SK Oldtimers Camp (\$150) / Alberta 6-Day Mtn Camp (\$250) / Alberta Ultimate Challenge (\$350)

Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions regarding payment of fees: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make money orders (no personal cheques please) payable to:  
“Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures” (or “HCWA”), and send to:  
Tom Cnossen / 5110 - 65 Ave., Ponoka, AB T4J 1E2 / <cnossen@telus.net>

Contact Persons:

Tom Cnossen – 403-704-1021  
Ken Mahood – 306-763-5574

## 2010 – Camp Dates & Fees

### Saskatchewan Trips

Churchill River #1 (July 2-9) \$250.00

Churchill River #2 (July 15-22) \$250.00

Churchill River #3 (August 3-10) \$250.00

Oldtimers Camp (August 16-20) \$150

(Fees include transportation, food and camp equipment from & to Timber Bay, SK)

### Alberta Trips

Alberta 6-Day Mountain Trip (July 5-10) \$250.00

Alberta Ultimate Challenge Mountain/Canoe Trip (July 13-24) \$350.00

(Ultimate Challenge is intended for experienced campers only.)

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### Higher Challenge “WHAT TO BRING” List / (Summer Camps)

1. One pair of good hiking or work boots or good runners for walking. (Please break them in before camp.)
2. One pair of runners (if canoeing, skip item 1 & bring 2 pair of these instead)
3. 1 or 2 pairs of swimming trunks/ shorts
4. Underwear
5. One belt
6. Two long sleeved heavy shirts (preferably flannel, wool or fleece)
7. Two pairs of rugged long pants (canvas or nylon hiking pants- not tight fitting - should not be denim jeans)
8. One wool toque
9. One wool or warm fleece sweater
10. One light nylon windbreaker
11. Four pair of heavy duty wool or cotton socks
12. One towel & face cloth
13. Two handkerchiefs (bandannas)
14. Sunglasses & sunscreen lotion
15. Toothbrush & comb
16. Soap & toothpaste
17. One small Bible (optional)
18. One flashlight with extra batteries (bring lots of batteries please)
19. Light fishing gear (pole, reel & lures) Optional- but if you want to fish, please bring your own gear - don't depend on others to supply this for you.
20. Camera & film (Optional)
21. Mosquito repellent & head net
22. Gloves
23. Lightweight (but rugged) rain-gear (Too cheap of rain-gear tears quickly)

You may take your own sleeping bag, but if it is heavy or cumbersome we may suggest that you use ours. Campers will be issued sleeping bags with liners and be expected to use the liners at all times. Make sure your footwear is well broken in. Helmets, PFD's and other safety equipment for the activities requiring it will be provided by HCWA.

Note: This is the recommended list - if you take these things you will be comfortable. You may use some flexibility when putting these things together, but remember that we have your safety & comfort in mind!

Please don't bring walkmans or MP3 or CD players (leaders will confiscate them) drugs (they're illegal), or watches (you don't need them). Don't bring knives, either. Please bring a good attitude, a sense of humor, a good work ethic, and a zest for adventure - these are great things to bring and will make your HCWA experience very rewarding!

## HCWA MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE (confidential & required)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Provincial Medical # \_\_\_\_\_

Treaty # \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Can you swim? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Barely \_\_\_

Have you or do you have (explain): Heart attack, angina, chest pains, or other heart problems? \_\_\_\_\_

High blood pressure, fainting spells, dizziness? \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes or hypoglycemia? \_\_\_\_\_

Asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, or other lung problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Ulcers, colostomy, chronic diarrhea or constipation? \_\_\_\_\_ Kidney or urinary tract problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Skin disorders? \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies to mosquitos, bee stings, food or anything else? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to medicines? (list) \_\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy or seizures? \_\_\_\_\_

Muscle, bone or joint problems? \_\_\_\_\_ Unusual menstrual bleeding? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other physical problems or limitations which we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been treated by a psychologist or psychiatrist or committed for treatment of any mental disease or disorder? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested, charged or convicted of a crime? (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you seen a physician with the last two years? \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

In case of medical emergency, please notify: \_\_\_\_\_

## LIABILITY RELEASE FORM (confidential & required)

1. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper who in his/her opinion is a hazard to the safety and rights of others or who appears to have rejected the reasonable controls of the Camp. The parent/guardian certifies that the applicant camper is normal in condition and habits and is amenable to necessary discipline. Failure to disclose problems at the time of application could result in dismissal.

2. The parents/guardians submitting to this application are those having legal custody over the child. Conditions of custody, if applicable, will be fully communicated in writing to the Camp.

3. I, the camper and the parent or guardian of the camper, release Northern Canada Evangelical Mission Inc. and Higher Challenge Wilderness Adventures, its trustees, directors, employees, board members, staff and agents from any loss, personal injury, accident, misfortune or damage to the above named or his/her property, with the understanding that the reasonable precautions shall be taken to ensure the health and safety of the named participant. I, the camper, and my parent/guardian am aware that this wilderness learning seminar has some inherent risks, including, but not limited to: TERRAIN: Any manner of injury resulting from falls on steep, slippery or uneven terrain and water. WEATHER: Any injury or illness resulting from exposure to heat, cold or wet weather or the effects of strong sunlight, lightning, hail, wind or forest fires. EQUIPMENT: Any manner of injury or illness resulting from use, misuse, non-use or failure of equipment. ANIMALS: Including bears, wolves, snakes, birds, insects, fish, ... and/or other parasites or microorganisms, spiders, and curious or aggressive animals wild or domestic of any kind. PLANTS: Any sickness or allergic reaction resulting from ingestion or contact with poisonous plants or fungi. HAZARDS OF TRAVEL: Including travel in vehicles, on foot, on water and injury or death caused by, but not limited to, making contact with rocks, trees, obstructions, other vehicles or participants, visible or non-visible, entanglements, entrapment, impalement or sudden immersion in water. ACTIVITIES: May include: traveling in vehicles, flat and white water canoeing, 8-9 meter cliff jump into deep water, rock climbing and rappelling with ropes, horse back riding, camping (including being around camp fires and cooking foods and liquids), hiking, backpacking, portaging canoes and gear, group initiative games, ... training, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, winter camper, 12-24 hour solo, 10 km run.

4. The signature of the parent/guardian on the application shall give the Camp Director the right to arrange for any special services or other requirements necessary for the best interest of the camper and shall give the Camp Director the right to approve and obtain medical attention necessary for the camper's welfare and good health including ordering injection, anaesthesia or surgery. In such situations the Camp will notify the parent/guardian as soon as possible. The parent/guardians are responsible for any additional expense that may result from such services.

5. We agree to permit reasonable use of photos and videos or other pictures of the applicant in promoting the Camp or Camp activities and programs.

6. I have read this application form in its entirety, including the HCWA Guidelines and Policies, and I accept the conditions of enrolment.

Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Paintball Waiver

(for Ultimate Challenge Alberta Mountain Camp – July 13-24, 2010)

Participant's Name: ..... Date of Birth (m/d/yr) .....

Address: ..... City: .....

Postal Code: ..... Phone: ..... Email: .....

Waiver And Release Of Liability Form, Release Of Liability, Waive Of Claims, Assumption Of Risk And Indemnity Agreement. By Signing This Document You Will Waive Legal Rights Including The Right To Sue To: SCOTT & PENNY URE

## Assumption of Risk:

I, the undersigned, wish to play Paintball, I recognize and understand that playing Paintball (Hereinafter called the "Game") involves certain risks. Those risks include, but are not limited to, the risk of injury resulting from possible malfunction of the equipment used in the Game and injuries from tripping or falling over obstacles in the Game playing field. In addition, I recognize that the exertion of playing the Game could result in injury or death.

Despite these and other risks, and fully understanding such risks, I wish to play the Game and hereby assume all of the risks of playing the Game. I also hereby hold harmless SCOTT & PENNY URE (herein after called the "SPONSORS") and indemnify them against any or all claims, action suits, procedures, costs, expenses (including attorney's fees and expenses), damages and liabilities arising out of, connected with, or resulting from my playing the Game, including without limitation, those resulting from the manufacture, selection, delivery, possession, use or operation of said equipment. I hereby release the SPONSORS of any and all such liability, and I understand that this release shall be binding upon my estate, my heirs, my representatives and assigns. I hereby certify to the SPONSORS that I am in good health and do not suffer from a heart condition or other ailment which could be exacerbated by the exertion involved in playing the Game, I further certify that I am 18 years of age or older.

## Release Of Liability, Waiver Of Claims And Indemnity Agreement

In consideration of participating in the "Game", I hereby agree as follows:

- 1.) To waive any and all claims that I have or may in the future have against SCOTT & PENNY URE, their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as " the Releasees");
- 2.) To Release the Releasees from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in Paintball due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence on the part of the Releasees;
- 3.) To hold Harmless and Indemnify The Releasees from any and all liability for any damage to property of or personal injury to, any third party, resulting in my participation in Paintball; and
- 4.) That this agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns, in the event of my death.
- 5.) I further declare that this document has been drawn up in the English language at my request.
- 6.) I further agree to return all of the equipment in good condition and if any of the equipment rented by me is lost or damaged, I hereby agree to promptly pay for the loss or damage, and the decision of the costs by the SPONSORS shall be final and binding upon me.
- 7.) I understand that I am financially responsible and will be charged for any and all damage that I may cause while on the premises of the SPONSOR. This includes light fixtures, walls, windows, doors, cars, animals, children etc.
- 8.) I agree to pay in full at the end of my session all charges and expenses that I have incurred.
- 9.) I expressly agree that the foregoing Release Of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Province Of Alberta in which Paintball is conducted, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall nevertheless, continue in full legal force and effect and be binding upon me.
- 10.) I shall further assign to the SPONSORS all rights to use any photo or video of me taken relative to the Game. I further assign to the SPONSOR the right to use any data on this form for their own use (contact list, insurance requirements)

..... I hereby request that the data collected on this form will only be used for insurance purposes / \* See next page

**Rules Of Play**

**Approved Protective eye wear must be properly worn at all times during the Game and in all places as specified by signage and no player shall point an air gun at another person who is not wearing approved eye wear.**

**All game rules, regulations and staff shall be obeyed at all times and air guns shall be handled safely and shot only in approved areas.**

**No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall handle an air gun and the staff at SCOTT & PENNY URE'S paintball facility must approve all shooting devices.**

**All players are required to have an approved barrel block on or in their barrels unless they are playing Paintball.**

**Any person may at the discretion of SCOTT & PENNY URE's staff, be cancelled from participation for any reason that the staff member deems adequate.**

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.**

Signed this ..... day of ..... 200 ....

Witness .....

Signature Of Adult Applicant 18 years old or older.....

Signature of parent if Participant is less than 18 years old .....

Signature of Participant if under 18 years old .....

(Please print name clearly)