

JOURNEY INTO MANHOOD

A Healing Weekend by People Can Change

AGREEMENTS AND LIABILITY RELEASE

Please read the following and be prepared to sign a paper copy before you begin the "Journey Into Manhood" weekend. Those who do not sign and agree to the terms herein are not eligible to participate in the retreat/training weekend.

LIABILITY RELEASE

1. I voluntarily elect to participate in the "Journey Into Manhood" Training and Retreat by People Can Change ("the event"), and in doing so I expressly agree, promise and do accept and assume ALL of the risks existing in the event and its individual activities and processes. _____Initial
2. I acknowledge that participation in personal growth and development courses and activities involves both known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury or damage to myself or others. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the event.
 - These risks include, among other things: emotional stress or trauma; strenuous and vigorous physical, mental, emotional and intellectual activity; the possibility of slips and falls; bruises, sprains, lacerations, fractures, animal bites or stings, concussions or even more severe life-threatening hazards, including death.
 - Furthermore, the event instructors have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but are not infallible. They might be ignorant of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction. _____Initial
3. My participation in the event is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in the event in spite of the risks. I recognize that I am free to elect to not participate in any given activity or process of the event for any reason. I also am free to leave the event at any time for any reason. _____Initial
4. I recognize that the event constitutes non-professional peer counseling. I recognize that the event collectively and its individual activities do NOT constitute professional therapy or professional psychological counseling, and that the event instructors are not professional therapists/counselors and/or are not working in the capacity of professional therapists/counselors in the course of the event. _____Initial
5. I understand that an opportunity may be provided at certain times in the course of the event to receive non-sexual "healing touch" under the supervision of the event staff, should I desire to do so. I recognize that I am free to elect to not receive or accept such touch, and I take full responsibility for communicating and maintaining my personal physical boundaries. _____Initial
6. I recognize that I and I alone am responsible for the quality of experience I have at the event and for its efficacy in effecting change and development in my life. _____Initial
7. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless People Can Change, _____ Camp, the event instructors individually and collectively, and their families, employers, associates and affiliated organizations, from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in, transportation to or from, or presence at the event, or use of its equipment or facilities, including any such claims that allege negligent acts or omissions on the part of anyone involved in the event. I hereby voluntarily agree to said release on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate. _____Initial

8. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating in or present at the event, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage to myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions which could interfere with my safety at the event, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. _____Initial

9. By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt, or property is damaged during the event, or if I feel I have suffered psychological or emotional harm or otherwise am in any way dissatisfied with the event, that I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit on the basis of any claim from which I have released the event, its organizers and participants, as stated above. _____Initial

14. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms. _____Initial

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed) _____