



Community Helping Hands, Inc.

The Gateway Center

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Amateur Waiver and Release of Responsibility

(Read before signing)

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way with the Community Helping Hands, Inc. program, related events, and activities, I, _____, the undersigned acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:
(Name of _____)

- (1) The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
- (2) I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- (3) I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
- (4) I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS, INC., their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____ Age: _____ Date Signed: _____
(Signature of Participant)

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(Under age 18 at the time of registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____ *(Signature of Parent/Guardian)* _____ *(Emergency Phone Number)*

Date Signed: _____

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SIGNED AND IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY A COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS, INC. EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OR BY NOTARY.

X _____ *(Signature of CHH Employee/Agent, or Notary)* Date Signed: _____



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DECLARATION OF FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN SKATE PARK ACTIVITIES

I hereby declare that I am physically fit. I do not, and have not, suffered from any of the following conditions, which I understand may lead to a dangerous situation with regard to other persons or myself during Skate Park Activities, including but not limited to skateboarding, inline skating or BMX riding:

Epilepsy, fits, severe head injury, recurrent blackouts or giddiness, disease of the brain or nervous system, high blood pressure, lung or heart disease, recurrent weakness or dislocation of any limb, diabetes, mental illness, recent back injury, arthritis, and severe joint sprains, chronic bronchitis, asthma, rheumatic fever, thyroid, adrenal, or other glandular disorder, recent blood donation, or any condition that requires the regular use of drugs.

I hereby declare that I have no physical or mental condition that should preclude me from participating in my chosen activity, that I am not participating against medical advice or treatment and that I have not been diagnosed by a registered doctor as having a terminal illness.

I further declare that in the event that I feel ill or unwell, have any physical complaints whatsoever, or if an injury is sustained of any kind during the course of Skate Park activities, I will notify the senior Park Employee on duty immediately and before leaving the premises.

I have read the above Declarations, understand them, and I agree to be bound by them.

X _____ Date _____
(Signature of Participant) (Name of Participant-Please Print)

(Address of Participant) (Contact Number)

X _____ Date _____
(Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant is a Minor, and by their signature, they on my behalf release all claims that both they and I have.) (Name of Parent/Guardian-Please Print)

IF YOU CANNOT SIGN THE ABOVE DECLARATION BECAUSE OF ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS, YOU MUST NOTIFY MANAGEMENT IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SKATE AREA.

Attention of the Authorized Insured Only (counter-sign upon full and correct completion)

X _____ Date _____
(Counter-Signature of Authorized Insured) (Name of Authorized Insured - Please Print)

Skatepark Rules

The following rules MUST be followed while participating at Soaring Up Skatepark. Failure to do so will result in your ejection from the park immediately with NO refund.

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1. All participants must have a completed and signed liability waiver on file at Alpha Cafe before you can participate. Participants under the age of 18 MUST have their parents or legal guardian sign a waiver in front of a park employee OR a notary public. ALWAYS REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL.
 2. Skating/skateboarding/biking is at your own risk. Proper protective gear must be worn at all times in skating area. Helmets are required and must be buckled properly! Anyone caught riding without a helmet will be removed from the Soaring Up immediately. It's your brain, protect it! Elbow and Knee pads are strongly recommended.
 3. Profanity (swearing, foul language or name calling) is strictly prohibited. The use of such language will cause the participant to be ejected from the property. A second and third such ejection will cause a cancellation of membership, NO refund.
 4. No one is allowed on the park floor or ramps of the Skate Park unless they are wearing a wristband or helmet. Those without MUST be in the balcony viewing area.
 5. Absolutely NO USE OF tobacco products of any kind, alcohol, drugs or weapons of any kind. These are not allowed on the Soaring Up property and may not be consumed prior to entering the Gateway Center. Individuals suspected of being under the influence of such a substance (or having them on their person) will be refused entry for the rest of the day. Staff members have the discretion to identify unwarranted conduct as necessary to ensure that all participants have an enjoyable park experience.
 6. Park open only during posted hours. No loitering after facility is closed. There is to be no loitering and/or riding outside on Soaring Up property. (Please respect our neighbors.)
 7. Fighting, tagging, inappropriate behavior of any kind and vandalism will not be tolerated. Recklessness and horseplay can subject you to removal from the Gateway Center property.
 8. All riders/skaters must possess the basic necessary skills to ride safely and under control at all times. Participants should always check the condition of their own gear and make sure it is in safe working order. Soaring Up is NOT responsible for the condition of the equipment the participant uses or any injuries that occur due to failure of that equipment.
 9. Shirts, shoes, and pants/shorts MUST be worn at all times while at Soaring Up. Gear and other clothing not in use MUST be stored outside the skate area in the appropriate designated area. Soaring Up Skatepark is NOT responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items on Skatepark property.
 10. Absolutely NO food or drink, including candy and chewing gum may be brought into the skating area. You may consume food and drinks in designated areas only.
 11. Always return equipment to the equipment room. Do not leave equipment in the walkway so people will trip over them.
 12. You must skate/bike safely and remain in control at all times. All participants are responsible for avoiding collisions with others. Only one rider is permitted to a ramp at any given time. Give sufficient time for a participant to use a ramp and clear the area before the next participant begins. No contests of any sort allowed unless organized and run by Soaring Up staff. No riding against traffic!! Check all paths leading to and from an obstacle prior to attempting it. Do not block any fire exits in case of an emergency.
 13. Report all accidents to Gateway staff immediately. Report all broken or faulty equipment immediately.
 14. Participants should never sit, stand or loiter in the path leading to an obstacle. Although the Skatepark is monitored it is impossible to monitor the flow, traffic and behavior in every area at all times. Ultimate responsibility for smooth flow of riding and a safe environment relies on strict adherence to all rules. Violation of these rules should be reported to staff members immediately. Anyone caught violating these rules will be immediately ejected from Soaring Up Skatepark with no refund.
 15. Soaring Up staff reserve the right to limit the number of participants using the facility to prevent overcrowding.
 16. Soaring up staff reserve the right to cancel any membership at any time or eject anyone for any reason. No questions asked!! NO refunds given.
 17. In the event of an emergency or injury, all participants must discontinue skating/biking until further directed by staff.
 18. No lessons will be taught by anyone unless approved by Soaring Up Skatepark officials.

I have read and agree to abide by the above rules and regulations:

Name _____

Date _____

GATEWAY FAMILY/YOUTH CENTER

The Soaring Up Skate Park and Alpha Café is **not a business**, we are a not-for-profit endeavor operated by Community Helping Hands in the Gateway Center. The staff is primarily made up of **volunteers**. Our wish is to provide a safe and entertaining environment for all to enjoy. Please take a moment to thank them, without them giving their time with no expectation of payment, the Park and Café would not be available for you. There are also many people who have volunteered an enormous amount of energy and time to construct the skate park, for that we thank them all. The park does not belong to any individual or group, but all are welcome to come and enjoy.

We have a **few basic rules** and if they are followed we can all enjoy our time **together** in the Gateway Family Center.

This is what we basically expect from you:

1. **All are welcome: respect each other regardless of abilities or background.**
2. **Respect our building and our volunteers.**
3. **No foul language or offensive behavior.**
4. **We do not have a cleaning staff, so please clean up after yourself.**
5. **Do not ride boards, bikes, scooters or rollerblades anywhere in the building or property except the park.**
6. **You have read and signed the waiver and the rules of the park & cafe. If you are in the building, you are agreeing to these basic rules. These are for YOUR SAFETY, these rules must be followed.**

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Alpha Café Rules:

- 1) All food and drink purchased must be paid for in full at the time of ordering. No credit will be given.
- 2) The Alpha Café cannot be held responsible for any allergic reactions from food allergies. Please always check ingredients and if in doubt don't eat it.
- 3) All food/drink must be consumed in the café area.
- 4) Please do not touch any equipment in the café area. (Register, sound, equipment, etc.)
- 5) Please report any spills or breakages to the café staff immediately.
- 6) No smoking is permitted anywhere inside or outside the building..
- 7) The Gateway Ctr is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- 8) Graffiti and stickers are not permitted in the Center (unless authorized by a member of the staff).
- 9) Individuals wearing clothing which may, in the opinion of the management, cause offence or upset to others may be asked to cover these up or leave the premises.
- 10) Please do not engage in inappropriate touching or contact

Failure to follow all rules and regulations (if two or more involved both will suffer punishment):

- *1st time- warning*
- *2nd time- copy all these rules on to a separate piece of paper legible enough for a staff or volunteer can read them. Failure to copy rules and regulations when asked too will result in immediate escort off the property.*
- *3rd time- asked to leave property (for any determined length of time based on staff or volunteer in charge. When asked to leave property, refusal or disrespectful actions will result in police being called and charges applied.*

Other consequences:

- *Riding without a helmet: Loss of riding privileges for the day.*
- *Riding without having paid and registering: Loss of riding privileges for a week*
- *Riding outside the park: board/bike/scooter taken away for 30 minutes and/or mopping area ridden on.*
- *Hanging out on the ramp without a helmet or band: write Skate Park rule #2 ten times (legibly)*
- *Fighting: FIRST OFFENSE – Ejected from the Gateway Center for 2 weeks
SECOND OFFENSE – Ejected from the Gateway Center for 4 weeks*
- *Destruction of Property: Ejected from the Gateway Center and not allowed back until damage/mess is repaired or cleaned up to senior staff's satisfaction*