**RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

**(READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)**

**University of Georgia**

**Odum School of Ecology**

**Young Ecologists Program**

The University of Georgia, Odum School of Ecology Young Ecologists Program is intended to expose students to career options in Science. YEP is a summer research internship program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students in the program will be assigned a mentor and given specific duties.

I grant permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Odum School of Ecology Young Ecologists Program at the University of Georgia. I understand that my child will be under the supervision of a faculty, staff or graduate student in the school.

I understand and have advised my child that in order to participate in this program he/she must abide by the rules and procedures established by the Young Ecologists Program staff. The University of Georgia reserves the right to dismiss a child from the Young Ecologists Program for disruptive behavior, insubordination, failure to follow safety or program instructions, failure to be at his or her work site on time or unreasonable, unexcused absences.

I hereby acknowledge that my child’s participation in this program may expose him/her to risk of property damage, bodily or personal injury, including injury that may prove fatal. I understand that the risks to which my child may be exposed, include, but are not limited to harm associated

with general office work and transportation accidents, and other risks that may not be foreseeable. I knowingly and freely assume any and all such risks and allow my child to voluntarily participate in this program.

In exchange for the use of UGA facilities, equipment, materials, supplies and for the opportunity for my child to participate in the Young Ecologists Program, I hereby release and forever discharge the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights, expenses, actions, and causes of action, of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether foreseeable or not, resulting from or in any way connected with my child’s participation in this activity.

I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above, I will hold forever harmless and will not take legal action against the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, and their officers, agents, volunteers, and employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my child’s participation

whether their actions were negligent, or otherwise.

I also hereby authorize and give my full consent to the Young Ecologists Program to copyright, publish and/or use my child’s likeness, name, voice, or words in any and all photographs, videotapes and or/film and other media, and in any form, in which he/she appears while attending this and any future Young Scholars Program event(s). I further agree that the Young

Ecologists Program may transfer, use or cause to be used, these photographs, videotapes, film, or other media for any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, art and advertising purposes and television programs without limitations or reservations.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age. This consent is given freely and voluntarily by me without coercion, duress, threat or promise of any kind. I certify that I understand and have read the above carefully before signing. I understand that I am not subject to any adverse action if I do not sign.

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Signature of Parent of Guardian Date