

# PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

*The following information is important for the safety and protection of your child. Please read the information and sign this form.*

I understand that the adult who signs the child up for the program is responsible for payments to the YMCA.

I understand all financial, attendance, enrollment and other business documents will be provided only to the adult who signs the child up for the program and is responsible for payment.

I understand that YMCA staff are not allowed to baby-sit or transport children outside of the YMCA program.

I understand children should not receive gifts (video games, jewelry, movie tickets...) that are not part of the YMCA program from YMCA staff or volunteers, and I should report this to a supervisor if they do.

I understand that I have free access, at all times, to areas of the program used by my child. I also understand that I will have opportunities to participate in program activities, and that this participation may require me to go through a screening process. I also understand that if my participation obstructs the program in any way, this privilege will be revoked.

I understand that I am not to leave my child at the YMCA or program site unless a YMCA staff is there to receive and supervise my child.

I understand that my child will not be allowed to leave the program with an unauthorized person.

I understand that should a person arrive to pick up my child who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, for the child's safety, staff may have no recourse but to contact the police.

I understand that YMCA staff will engage children in discussions to help them understand how they can set their own personal safety and touching limits.

I understand that I will be provided information about my child's progress and/or any issues related to his/her care, however, both parents/guardians may receive this information upon request.

I understand that staff in child care, day camp, resident camp and family and mental health services programs\* are mandated, by state law, to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation. YMCA staff in other programs are also encouraged to report suspected cases of abuse, because we care about children. Furthermore, our staff are protected from liability for good faith reporting. *\*In addition, specific staff in other programs are mandated reporters as well.*

I understand that the Health Care Plan is posted and available for my review.

**I have read and understand the statements above and I have received or viewed a copy of:**

*(Please mark)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Handbook (containing policies, procedures, philosophy, etc.)- *located on our website at [www.sammamishymca.org](http://www.sammamishymca.org)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disaster Preparedness Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Creating a Child Safe Environment brochure
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement for Prevention of Abuse for employees and volunteers *(in family handbook)*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pesticide Policy *(in family handbook)*

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

