

Dear Parent,

This summer your child may have the opportunity to participate in the **Gene Eppley Camp Challenge Course** activities as part of his/her camp experience.

The Gene Eppley Camp Challenge Course uses a variety of activities including warm-ups, games, team-building initiatives and low and high Ropes Course activities. Although some of these activities can be physically demanding, they are designed to be safe and within the capability of anyone in reasonably good health.

Our new Challenge Course is operated by an experienced course manager and his professionally trained staff. The course itself was designed and built by an accredited professional company with safety as the top priority.

The Gene Eppley Camp operates under the “**Challenge by Choice**” philosophy. This means that your child has the option to select his or her personal level of challenge in all activities, or to choose not to participate in an activity. If a child begins an activity and does not want to complete it, he or she can ask to quit the activity. The Challenge Course facilitators will assist every child in a manner that is safe for them and other participants.

As with any physical activity, there is some risk of injury. To minimize the potential for accidents, it is important to listen to the facilitators and follow their instructions. Your child will be encouraged to ask questions if he or she does not understand directions.

**Your child’s experience on The Gene Eppley Challenge Course may include any or all of the following, depending on the child’s age and ability level:**

- **Climbing Walls:** Beginner and Intermediate climbing walls are built on the 37 ft. high climbing tower. Participants wear safety equipment handled by trained Challenge Course staff.
- **Six High Ropes elements:** Raider’s Bridge, Pirate’s Crossing, Lazy Two-Line, Multi-vine Traverse, Pipeline, and Catwalk all involve walking on a cable or other foot support 35’ above the ground between two poles, while wearing safety harness handled by professionally trained Challenge Course staff.
- **The Zip Line** is a high element consisting of a cable 250 feet long attached to two poles. By use of a harness, a person can ride the cable, beginning at the top of the 37 ft tower.

**Your child will need to wear**

- Loose, comfortable clothing that he or she can move around in well
- Tennis or walking shoes- no open toed shoes, flip flops, or sandals
- Girls need to avoid wide-leg shorts and other styles which cannot be worn modestly during above-the-ground and bending activity

**In order to participate, your child needs your signature on the permission form on the next page. This form must be submitted to your group leader along with the Voluntary Release Form before arriving at camp.**

**Gene Eppley Camp CHALLENGE COURSE**  
915 Allied Road Bellevue NE 68123



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Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Retreat: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Health/Accident Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

**If you think your child has any current or past physical or mental conditions which might limit his or her participation in Challenge Course activities, it is your responsibility to determine whether this activity is right for him or her. Checking with the medical professional when your child has his/her camp physical exam may be helpful if you are concerned.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand that Challenge Course activities are by nature physically and mentally demanding**, and will involve bending, twisting, lifting, running, jumping, climbing, swinging, increased heart rate and physical contact with others.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Although the Gene Eppley Camp Challenge Course staff make every reasonable effort to minimize risks, not all hazards can be foreseen, and injury could occur, such as cuts, bruises, scrapes, fractures, and more serious injuries.** I am aware that certain risks and hazards may exist in the activities that are beyond the control of the Gene Eppley Camp Challenge Course and staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I understand that my child will not be pressured to participate** at a level he or she is not comfortable with, and that he or she may choose to observe only, rather than participate if he or she prefers.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have provided my child with footwear which can be worn on the Challenge Course (no flipflops, sandals, or open-toed shoes)**

By signing below, I affirm that I have answered the above questions accurately and completely, and I acknowledge that I am satisfied as to the nature of the activities that my child will be participating in, and the risks associated with each of the activities.

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I want my child \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_ to have the chance to participate in the Challenge Course activities. I accept full responsibility for this choice, and I hereby release the Gene Epley Camp and The Salvation Army, the Challenge Course staff members and persons participating as instructors in these activities, from any and all liability for bodily injury, emotional injury or loss of property.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of signature above \_\_\_\_\_

**The Gene Epley Camp staff and/or Challenge Course staff have my permission to seek emergency medical care for the participant in the event that:**

- (1) The health and well-being of the participant is involved;
- (2) The participant or parent/guardian is unable to respond or cannot be reached at the time of the emergency;
- (3) Due to the nature of the emergency, there is insufficient time to contact the parent or guardian.

Print Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of signature above \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO MEDIA RELEASE**

I grant the The Salvation Army Gene Epley Camp the right to use, reproduce, assign and distribute photographs, films, videotapes and sound recordings of myself or my child for use in promotional materials they may create.

Print Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	Received by staff on date _____
Participant Age verified as _____	Staff signature _____