

PARENT PERMISSION FOR UNIT ACTIVITY AWAY FROM NORMAL MEETING PLACE  
CLIMBING MERIT BADGE

Unit 24 is planning a day trip to Upper Limits in Bloomington, IL on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

We shall meet at Riverside Presbyterian Church at 6:45 a.m. to load with a leave time of 7:00 a.m. and return to Riverside Presbyterian Church at approx. 4:30 p.m.

Transportation will be by van and car.

Cost per boy: \$40 for merit badge, \$30 for Rock Gym 101 (those who already have the merit badge), permission slip, waiver, and money due by Friday, March 5, 2010

EACH BOY MUST BE FIRST CLASS OR HIGHER, HE MUST TURN IN A SIGNED WAIVER, AND SHOULD BRING A SACK LUNCH. Wear t-shirt and shorts, covered by sweat shirt and comfortable pants. CHECK OUT [WWW.UPPERLIMITS.COM](http://WWW.UPPERLIMITS.COM). Boys attending the merit badge class must obtain a merit badge book, know the knots, and be able to answer the questions in the book. Some websites on knots are: [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com), [www.animatedscoutknots.com](http://www.animatedscoutknots.com), and [www.2020site.org/knots](http://www.2020site.org/knots). The merit badge councilor at Upper limits will not sign off on the first aid requirements so scouts will have to secure the first aid merit badge prior to or after the course in order to complete the full badge requirements.

The adult leader in charge TBA

For questions contact Dawn Gmitro 708-442-5944

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(tear off and return this portion)

My son \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to attend the Upper Limits Merit Badge Outing on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

I understand the cost will be \$40. I will be certain my son is feeling well before permitting him to attend.

He should be restricted from \_\_\_\_\_

He is susceptible ( or allergic ) to : \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can drive \_\_\_ My car holds \_\_\_passengers. My cell phone number is \_\_\_\_\_. Drivers license no. \_\_\_\_\_ Make & yr of car \_\_\_\_\_ (complete last 2 items if you have not driven before)

**PARENTS AUTHORIZATION**

The person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted by me. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection or surgery for my son.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ DPVC 5/95

**SCOUT SIGNATURE**

I acknowledge that the purpose of this outing is for scout activities. I will cooperate with troop leaders and patrol leaders.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Release

In consideration of my being permitted by Upper Limits, Inc., to climb at its facilities, I agree to the following waiver and release, and I make the following representations.

x \_\_\_\_\_ *(initial)*

**I acknowledge the inherent extreme risks in rock climbing activities, including those that take place indoors.** I realize that those risks include falls, equipment failure, bad decision-making, inattentive belayers, and holds that have become loose or damaged by other climbers. I understand that there are unforeseeable, freakish accidents, and I assume all risks associated with such accidents, even though I cannot foresee them. I agree to pay attention to the state of the ropes in the gym and that of the anchors, and to advise gym staff if I do any damage or notice any damage, I agree to abide by all gym rules, and if gym staff make a specific request of or instruction to me, I agree to comply.

x \_\_\_\_\_ *(initial)*

I am physically fit and know of no medical or health reason why I should not participate in the activities that take place at Upper Limits.

x \_\_\_\_\_ *(initial)*

I agree to assume all risk of personal injury, including paralysis and death, that may occur while I am in the gym or while I am climbing anywhere, at any time. I hereby release Upper Limits, Inc., its owners, officers, employees, wall builders, wall designers, hold manufacturers, lessors, insurers, and agents, from all liability for any such personal injury that I may incur by whatever means or causes, including injuries caused by third persons at the facility. **This release even extends to injuries that may occur through the NEGLIGENCE of gym employees or other parties released.**

x \_\_\_\_\_ *(initial)*

I understand that indoor climbing is not the same as outdoor climbing, and that additional skills are necessary for outdoor climbing that cannot be acquired in the gym. I agree to seek qualified instruction before attempting to climb outdoors.

This release applies to and binds my personal representative, heirs, and my family. If a member of my family under the age of 18 accompanies me to the gym, I make this release and these representations on his or her behalf as well as my own, and I agree to assume responsibility for his or her safety.

### Parents and guardians take note!

If I am a parent or guardian of a minor climbing at the gym, whether or not I am a member myself or am present when the minor is climbing, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Upper Limits, Inc., and the other parties released, in the event a minor member of my family sues them or any one of them. I understand that this means I will pay all fees, costs, and charges incurred by Upper Limits or any other party released, including attorney fees.

**This release is a binding legal contract.**

**I understand that this release is a binding legal contract. I sign it of my own free will.** I also understand that this contract is severable; in other words, that if any part of it is held by a court of law to be unenforceable, the rest of it shall survive.

x \_\_\_\_\_ *(initial)*

**Signature of Climber** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Legibly printed name \_\_\_\_\_

### Parental Consent if Climber is Under 18

**Signature of Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Legibly printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip code

# Welcome to Upper Limits Rock Gym!

*For Office Use Only!*  
Circle One: Top Rope / Lead  
Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Please take time to read and sign the following rules and the release form carefully.  
Use **black or blue ink only!** Please write legibly!

\_\_\_\_\_  
First name Last name (\_\_\_\_\_) Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Street Address City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Birth date Today's Date

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to receive our newsletters and special offers? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you have any medical problems we should know about? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\*Please Initial In Blue or Black Ink\*\*\*\*\***

- \_\_\_\_\_ For each visit, all climbers will check in at the front desk upon arrival. If you have an address change, please let us know.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All climbers and belayers must sign all parts of the release form before they will be allowed to participate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Before being allowed to belay, individuals will be checked for proficiency by an Upper Limits Lifeguard for knowledge of: proper belaying (managing the rope for the climber), knot tying, climbing commands, and equipment checks. Belaying without being checked or removal of climb only tags will result in loss of climbing privileges.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All lead climbers and lead belayers must also be safety checked by one of the Lifeguards. Lead climbing ropes and draws may be rented or, if you wish to use your own, a separate waiver must be signed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boulderers are responsible for providing their own spotter. Participants must be 15 or older to use the cave or outdoor boulder. Crash pads are required outdoors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Only climbing equipment approved by Upper Limits staff is to be used in the climbing facility (this includes knots). All climbers must tie into and belay directly off of their harness. Loose chalk is not allowed in the gym. Chalk balls only!
- \_\_\_\_\_ For insurance purposes, no instruction is allowed except by an Upper Limits staff member during a class.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Climber and belayer must always double check each other's systems before each and every climb.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeguards will be walking the gym and supervising procedures. If a climber or belayer is seen being unsafe, they will both be required to pay a \$10 safety fine on their first offense. On the second offense the safety fine is \$20 each, and the third violation will result in permanent dismissal from the gym. This includes any equipment or behavior deemed to be unsafe by a lifeguard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A parent or adult guardian must accompany climbers 14 years old or younger at all times unless lessons are scheduled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **No bare feet allowed anywhere!** This complies with State Health Codes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No one under any circumstance is to have their hands above the first bolt hanger while climbing unless belayed. No climber should pass directly beneath another climber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No horseplay! No running, yelling, jumping or swinging on ropes. No throwing rubber pieces or anything else.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco allowed. Anyone suspected of being under the influence will not be permitted in the gym. No foul language within Upper Limits gym. No chewing gum for safety reasons. Also, food and open drinks are only allowed in the lounge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Management has the right to suspend or terminate any participant's membership for violation of the gym policies and/or rules. In such a case, there will be no refund of any fees. Rules are subject to change and will be enforced by Upper limits staff.
- \_\_\_\_\_ These are not all of the gym's policies. Participants are responsible for reading additional policy information posted in the gym.

**By initialing each of the above items, I confirm that I have read fully and agree to the Rules of the Gym. Please sign below.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ (TURN OVER)  
Month Day Year

**For office use only.** Circle Class Type: Rock Gym 101 / Family Class / Merit Badge / High Adventure / Summer Camp / Gr. Adv. / Bday

Cashier Memo \_\_\_\_\_ Logged in Climber's Edge by: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked for top rope climbing: OK \_\_\_ Climb only \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeguard Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked for Lead \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lifeguard Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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