Informed Consent and Permission for Participation in USU 1010 Connections at Utah State University (USU)

This ink-signed waiver is required of students who are 17 years of age or younger who are enrolled in a pre-semester section of USU 1010. It must be uploaded to the student’s Canvas course before August 21, 2019, prior to participation in the Connections course. Students who are 18 or older can complete the waiver entirely within Canvas.

Participant Name: _____________________________________  A-Number: ____________

Connections Activities Include: Workshops, convocation, lectures, discussions, and computer demos at various locations around the USU campus. Activities determined by each instructor such as hikes or walks, canoeing, scavenger hunts, riding the Cache Valley Transit District (CVTD) bus system, playing sports, or doing other activities as a class.

Optional Evening/Weekend Activities Include: NCAA Women’s Volleyball scrimmage, dances, Taste of Logan event with Main Street vendors, comedian/magician show, activities in the Aggie Rec Center, and canoeing, biking, climbing, and swimming at First Dam.

Activity Dates:
Check-In and Information Fair: Tuesday August 20 from 10am-3pm
Pre-Semester Session: Wednesday August 21 - Friday August 23
Follow-Up Sessions: Scheduled in Banner for each section (between August 26 and October 4)

Activity Locations: Individual class sections may participate in activities on the USU campus and various locations throughout Cache Valley including but not limited to: First Dam, Logan Canyon and other canyons in Cache Valley, Hyrum State Park, Logan downtown area, and CVTD transit routes.

Overnight Accommodations: Students are responsible for their own sleeping accommodations for the duration of the Connections course. Students living on campus can check-in to USU housing beginning on Saturday, August 17. Students living off campus should consult with their landlord about the possibility of moving in early. The University Inn may also be available upon reservation if students are unable to move into their housing during Connections.

Transportation To and From Activities: Any class activities that occur off-campus require the student to provide his or her own transportation. Some classes may use the zero-fare CVTD buses for transportation to and from short distances away from campus. For longer distances, students are usually able to find a ride with a classmate. As with any USU course or activity, students sharing rides in personal cars assume all liability as drivers or passengers.

Participation Accommodations: If you have a limitation that would prevent you from participating in any Connections activities, please list activities in which you will be unable to participate, and accommodations that may be needed:
Please also contact the USU Disability Resource Center (DRC) to receive appropriate accommodations for this and all USU courses for which you may need assistance. DRC Information is available at www.usu.edu/drc or by calling 435-797-2444.

**Medical Treatment Consent**

I give my consent that in the event of injury, I will accept any emergency medical aid, anesthesia and/or operation, if in the opinion of the attending physician, such treatment is necessary.

Health Insurance Company (optional) ______________________________  Policy # ________________

Emergency Contact Name _________________________________   Phone _______________________

**Photo Release**

Participants in USU events are sometimes photographed and videotaped for use in USU promotional and educational materials. I authorize USU to record and photograph my image and/or that of my child for use by USU or its assignees in research, educational and promotional programs. I understand these audio, video, film, and/or print images may be edited, duplicated, distributed, reproduced, broadcast, and/or reformatted in any form and manner without payment of fees.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITY:**

I acknowledge that Connections, hereafter referred to as the Activity, is potentially hazardous and that participation in the Activity necessarily includes certain risks, which risks may result in loss or damage to property or injury, illness, or death to myself or others. I understand that these risks may be known or unknown, identified or unidentified, and anticipated or unanticipated. I also acknowledge that loss or damage to property or injury, illness, or death to myself or others may result from the negligent acts of Activity participants or organizers (including Utah State University, its agents, officers, employees, devisees and assigns and the Board of Regents of the State of Utah (hereafter collectively, “USU”). I voluntarily accept the risks and dangers associated with the Activity. I agree that I will be personally liable for any damages that occur as a result of my participation in the Activity. I agree to adhere to appropriate safety standards to ensure the safety of myself, others, and associated property during participation in the Activity.

**RELEASE:**

Please note: USU does not cover medical expenses incurred while participating in activities or classes.

I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge USU from any and all liability, claims, demands, attorney fees, actions, or rights of action which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in the Activity, including specifically, but not limited to, the negligent acts or omissions of USU for any and all bodily injury, death, illness, disability, or damage to myself or to my property. I agree that USU is not liable for risks, negligent acts, or any other liability that may arise in connection with my participation in the Activity.

**INDEMNIFICATION:**

I hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify USU against any and all losses, liabilities, or claims arising out of or connected to Participant’s participation in the Activity. The indemnification obligations outlined herein extend to any and all costs and expenses, including attorney fees, incurred by USU in connection with any such loss, liability, or claim.

**GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION:**
The laws of the state of Utah shall govern the validity, construction, and enforceability of this Agreement, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles. All suits, action, claims and causes of action relating to the validity, construction, and enforcement of this Agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT:
I understand and acknowledge that by signing this Agreement, I am agreeing to be bound by its terms and conditions. I acknowledge that by this Agreement, I have freely and voluntarily (a) given up certain legal rights and/or possible claims that I might otherwise assert or maintain against USU, including specifically, but not limited to, rights arising from or claims for the negligent acts or omissions of USU; and (b) assumed responsibility and legal liability for the claims or other legal demands, including defense costs, which may be asserted by third parties against me as a result of my participation in this Activity. MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND THAT IT AFFECTS MY LEGAL RIGHTS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAIVES MY RIGHT TO SUE USU.

I have read and understand the nature of the activity and its inherent risks and I knowingly give consent for participation.

Participant’s Printed Name ______________________________________________________________
Participant’s Signature _________________________________________ Date ___________________

If participant is 17 years of age or younger, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must also sign.

Parent or Legal Guardian Name(s): _________________________  _________________________
Signature(s): ___________________________________________  _________________________
Dates(s): ___________________________________________  _________________________