

Disclosure and Permission Form for Participation in Common Ground on the Hill

I (Participant) have submitted an application and want to participate in the 2026 Common Ground on the Hill Program during the period of June 22 to 26 and/or July 6 to 10, 2026. I understand that there are hazards and risks, as well as benefits, associated with my participation in Common Ground on the Hill.

I know, understand, and appreciate these risks and other risks that are inherent in the activities and events at Common Ground on the Hill, and I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume the risk of harm to myself by my participation in Common Ground on the Hill.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in Common Ground on the Hill, I, on behalf of myself, and those acting on my behalf, agree to hold harmless, unconditionally release, waive, indemnify and promise not to sue the Board of Directors of Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., and its agents, volunteers, servants, and/or employees, from/for any and all liabilities, losses, injuries, damages, claims, demands, actions and/or causes of action arising from or connected with my participation in the Common Ground on the Hill program, including but not limited to, transportation connected to the program, participation in program activities, classes and events, and securing medical treatment for myself.

I hereby give my consent and authorize the Board of Directors of Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., and its agents, servants, and/or employees to consent on my behalf, to emergency medical care, treatment and assistance if the rendition of such treatment should become necessary or desirable during the course of the program.

I understand and agree that I will be responsible for all medical bills and costs that may be incurred as a result of medical treatment and assistance. I acknowledge that my participation in this program is entirely voluntary.

I acknowledge that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age or, if under the age of eighteen (18), my parent/guardian has registered me and agrees to the provisions set forth herein.

By enrolling in this program, I testify that I:

Have read the provisions of the Disclosure and Permission form for participation in Common Ground on the Hill;

Have been duly notified and agree to the provisions set forth herein;

Have taken into account and assume the risk of harm during my participation in Common Ground on the Hill;

I agree that this Disclosure and Permission Form is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Circuit for Carroll County, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the agreement shall continue in full force and effect. I acknowledge that I have read this entire document and agree to its terms.

Common Ground on the Hill Lost Key Policy

I acknowledge and agree that, should I lose or otherwise fail to return my assigned room key, I am liable for the cost of key replacement. My credit card on file will be charged \$60 or I will make payment upon demand by cash, check or credit card.

Common Ground on the Hill Visual/Audio Image Release Form

THE INTENT OF THIS RELEASE FORM IS TO ALLOW COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL TO DO THE VERY BEST JOB IN PROMOTING THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE A PART OF. WE WILL NOT USE ANY OF THE MATERIAL OUTLINED BELOW FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

I grant permission to the Board of Directors of Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., its agents, servants, and/or employees ("Common Ground on the Hill") to record my picture and voice on photographs, films, audio, videotapes and digital formats; to edit these recordings at the discretion of Common Ground on the Hill, and to incorporate these recordings into movie and sound films or audio and videotapes, webcast, streaming, broadcasts, (radio and television, including

cable and satellite transmissions), programs or otherwise, to use in any manner of media whatsoever, including unrestricted use for purposes of publicity, advertising, and to use my name, likeness, or voice in connection therewith.

It is understood that any such recordings as listed above will only be used by Common Ground on the Hill for purposes of publicity, advertising, promotion and fundraising. It is not the intent of Common Ground on the Hill to use such recordings for commercial purposes. Any other proposed use will necessitate further agreement of parties.

I hereby release Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., its agents, servants, and/or employees from any and all claims for damages, for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or any other claim based on the use of the above-described materials.

I further waive any rights conferred under federal copyright laws or any other rights I might otherwise have in the materials and the subsequent broadcast or commercial, educational, or other use by Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., its agents, servants, and/or employees.

I understand that the recordings are the exclusive property of Common Ground on the Hill, and Common Ground on the Hill owns all rights to these recordings regardless of the form in which they are produced or used.

Further, I agree that I am not entitled to nor was I promised any compensation for the making of such recordings or their use.

I agree that this Visual/Audio Image Release Form is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Circuit for Carroll County, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the agreement shall continue in full force and effect. I acknowledge that I have read this entire document and agree to its terms.

Common Ground on the Hill Transportation Release

The Participant is participating in a class trip/field trip/off-campus program and/or activity (“off-campus programming”) that takes place off of the premises of Common Ground on the Hill, and needs transportation to attend such off-campus programming. In consideration for permission to participate in the off-campus programming and to be transported to the off-campus programming location, the Participant, individually and on behalf of any heirs and assigns, does hereby:

Warrant that he/she is eighteen years of age or older, or if younger than eighteen years of age, has permission from his parent(s)/guardian(s) as evidenced below by their enrollment of Participant in this program.

Release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Board of Directors of Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., its agents, volunteers, servants, and/or employees for any and all claims and liability arising out of any injury, death, or property damage as a result of being a passenger in any vehicle not owned by the Board of Directors of Common Ground on the Hill, Ltd., its agents, servants, and/or employees while traveling to or from any activity associated with Common Ground on the Hill.

Acknowledge that the Participant is aware of the inherent danger of being a passenger in a motor vehicle and by being a passenger in said vehicle assumes all risk for himself/herself. No oral representations or inducements have been made to obtain this agreement. If any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance thereof shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Common Ground on the Hill Child Protection Policy

Purpose and Scope

Purpose. Common Ground on the Hill celebrates the presence of children in our programs and, to that end, is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of these children, in accordance with commitment to respect, inclusion, communication, service and social justice, and responsibility. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all children who come to Common Ground on the Hill's program.

Scope. This policy applies to all students, faculty, volunteers, and staff of Common Ground on the Hill. Additional individuals or organizations may also be required to acknowledge and comply with the provisions of this policy. The policy applies to Common Ground on the Hill's programs, all properties owned or leased by Common Ground on the Hill at McDaniel College, and all off-campus sites at which students, faculty, or staff participate in Common Ground on the Hill sponsored activities. "Child" or "Children". For the purposes of this policy, the terms "child" and "children" shall apply to any minor, including students, under the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

Responsibility and Liability. Parents and guardians are responsible and liable for any and all injuries or damages sustained to or by their child while at Common Ground on the Hill's program at McDaniel College or at any other properties owned or leased by Common Ground on the Hill, and at all off-campus sites at which students, faculty, volunteers or staff participate in Common Ground on the Hill sponsored activities, and when bringing their child to Common Ground on the Hill sponsored trips or other activities covered under this policy, unless such injuries or damages are caused by the sole negligence of Common Ground on the Hill, its officers, agents, or employees.

Children of Common Ground on the Hill Employees, Volunteers, Students on Campus, and Minor Students participating in Common Ground on the Hill programs and activities.

General. Common Ground on the Hill is an institution of higher education. As a general matter, Common Ground on the Hill is not an appropriate environment for children, unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian and they are enrolled in a Common Ground on the Hill program.

Responsibility for Child's Behavior. The adult responsible for a child is also responsible for the child's behavior and is expected to ensure that the child complies with the directions of Common Ground on the Hill or McDaniel College personnel and does not disrupt the activity or enjoyment of any other person. The adult responsible for a child is also responsible for any damage to Common Ground on the Hill or McDaniel College property caused by the child. Minor Commuter Students are expected to comply with this provision.

Requirements. Employees, volunteers, students who bring children to Common Ground on the Hill activities and programs, and minor students, must comply with the following requirements:

- No child of an employee, volunteer, or student may be left alone on campus at any time or for any reason.
- The employee, volunteer, or student is responsible for arranging and paying for childcare while the employee or student is at work or in class.
- Children are not permitted in classrooms unless they are enrolled in a class and permission is obtained from the instructor. They are only permitted in the following campus spaces, and only under the conditions noted:
- Children are permitted in individual office space only when under the direct supervision of their parent or legal guardian. Children are not permitted in shared office space.
Children are permitted in the residence halls only when under the direct supervision of their parent or legal guardian.
Children are permitted in the following areas only when supervised by an adult: Swimming Pool

Common Ground on the Hill-sponsored trips. Children may not participate in Common Ground on the Hill-sponsored trips except under the following conditions:

- Prior approval must be granted from the person(s) directing the trip.
- The parent or guardian must accompany the trip or provide the requisite transportation permission form.

- The parent or guardian is responsible for all trip expenses of the child, including but not limited to entrance fees, food, accommodations, and any rate increases.
- If transportation is provided in Common Ground on the Hill or personal vehicles, the child may only ride in a vehicle driven by the child's parent or legal guardian unless the requisite transportation permission form is provided.

Revocation. Allowing employees, volunteers, and students to bring their children to Common Ground on the Hill programs, activities, and trips as described in this section is a privilege extended by Common Ground on the Hill and may be revoked at the discretion of Common Ground on the Hill if the provisions of this policy are violated or the privilege is abused or if instructors object. Any member of the Common Ground on the Hill community who is not comfortable with the presence of children in his or her work or educational setting should advise the Director of Common Ground on the Hill.

Children at Common Ground on the Hill Events

Common Ground on the Hill sponsors many events in the performing arts and other areas that are open to children with the supervision of parents and/or guardians. Common Ground on the Hill welcomes the presence of children for these events. To ensure their safety and that of other guests, we require that the parent, legal guardian, or other adult responsible for each child comply with the following provisions:

- No child may be left unsupervised at any time or for any reason.
- Children must remain in the area where the event is located.
- The adult responsible for a child is also responsible for the child's behavior and is expected to ensure that the child complies with the directions of Common Ground on the Hill or McDaniel College personnel and does not disrupt the enjoyment of any other guest at the event.
- The adult responsible for a child is also responsible for any damage to Common Ground on the Hill or McDaniel College property caused by the child.

Staff and Volunteers

All program adults (paid staff or volunteers) must receive appropriate training in maintaining professional boundaries at all times when working with children in the program. Any certifications required by Common Ground on the Hill must be obtained and documented before the program adult is permitted to participate in the Common Ground on the Hill program.

The minimum ratio for supervision is at least one program adult for every ten children.

Program adults must always inform another program adult when they are taking children out of the program room or area for any reason.

No child will ever be left alone with a program adult. All programs must use and enforce the "rule of three," requiring at least two program adults or two children in each group at all times.

Children in any program must remain in the area where the program is being held. No child may be left alone on campus at any time or for any reason except in those situations where the child is a student enrolled in Common Ground on the Hill with parental permission.

Photographs may only be taken of children in the program for program-related purposes. Enrollment in the Common Ground on the Hill program constitutes parental agreement of these terms. Failure to follow these practices should be reported immediately to the Director of Common Ground on the Hill.

Reporting Requirements

Maryland law. The Family Law Article of the Maryland Code mandates the reporting of any suspected child abuse or neglect. Anyone who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect must immediately notify

the local department of social services (24-hour line: 410-386-3434) or the Westminster Police Department (410-848-4646).

Institutional requirements. In addition to making the reports required by Maryland law, any employee or volunteer of Common Ground on the Hill who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to neglect or abuse at a Common Ground on the Hill program must immediately notify the Common Ground on the Hill program director.

Acknowledgement of Common Ground on the Hill Child Protection Policy

By my enrollment in Common Ground on the Hill's program, I acknowledge that I have received, read and agree to follow and be bound by the standards and procedures as stated in the Common Ground on the Hill Child Protection Policy.