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Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19 and Participation in Branches Homeschool Community

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in **Branches Homeschool Community** related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agree that the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the participant should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the parent or guardian believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise leader of such condition(s) and refuse to participate. This is including but not limited to any special events or classes taking place on a church campus, in homes, various event facilities; group classes including, but not limited to: woodworking, science labs, sports and fitness type classes, cooking, drivers education, and so forth.

2. Acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19. Acknowledge there is a risk that, by participating in Branches Homeschool Community classes, events, and programming I and/or my children could contract the COVID-19 virus or other illnesses/viruses, and I accept this risk and nonetheless voluntarily choose to allow my family to participate.

Branches Homeschool Community has put in place some preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, Branches Homeschool Community, cannot guarantee that you or your family will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending any events with members of Branches Homeschool Community could increase your risk and your child(s)'s risk of contracting COVID-19. We are putting into place certain protocols we hope will minimize the potential to contract and/or spread COVID-19. These are merely precautions, not solutions or guarantees against spreading or contracting this virus. We must also make note that we cannot guarantee social distancing in most situations.

I further acknowledge that I must comply with all procedures that are put in place by Branches Homeschool Community to reduce the spread of illness including but not limited to COVID-19. I attest that myself or any member of my family will not attend any event, class, or meeting if they/we have any of the following symptoms: fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough or shortness of breath, chills or repeated shaking with chills, body aches/fatigue, sore throat, new loss of smell or taste.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and assume the risk that my child(s) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending any programming, classes, or events with Branches Homeschool Community, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and/or death.

3. Acknowledge and fully understand that each member/participant may be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions, or negligence but the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.



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4. I agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility (including financial responsibility) for any injury to my child(s) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and/or death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(s) may experience or incur in connection with my child(s)'s attendance or participation in any Branches Homeschool Community programming.

5. Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Branches Homeschool Community its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and other members of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors or premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

6. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Branches Homeschool Community, its leadership team, agents, and members, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Branches Homeschool Community programming.

7. If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the participant agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the participant and Branches Homeschool Community cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three member arbitration panel for resolution pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND IT, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I understand and agree that my signature below represents a signature on behalf of myself and each of my children.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Name of each child:

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_____	_____

Date of Signature _____