



## **SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN COTTAGE SCHOOL**

### **PARENT HANDBOOK**

The following is a list of rules and regulations governing our cottage school agreement. Please read this handbook thoroughly as it contains many important policies and procedures that pertain to the operations of our school. If you have any questions or need clarification, please ask prior to signing. The contents of this contract and all forms required for enrollment are non-negotiable.

### **ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

Each family is required to complete a family interview with the directors of the school. Accepted families will be directed to register on the school website. All necessary forms and tuition must be completed and received by Southern Appalachian Cottage School to complete the enrollment process. All forms must be updated at least every year, sometimes sooner according to need. Please inform us immediately of any changes.

Listed below you will find the list of required forms that you will need to complete during the registration process.

Registration Forms Include:

- \*Receipt of Parent Handbook
- \*Permission to use Sunscreen & Bug Spray
- \*Receipt of Billing Policy
- \*Agreement and Acceptance of the Statement of Faith
- \*Code of Conduct
- \*Release of Liability

Your child's spot is not guaranteed from semester-to-semester or year-to-year.

### **AGES SERVED**

Southern Appalachian Cottage School is currently only accepting elementary-aged children, grades K-8.

### **COMMUNICATION**

You will receive important information via email, our TeamReach app, our school website and/or at the Parent Communication area during drop-off/pick-up. It is your responsibility to check for updates, changes, notices etc.

### **DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION**

Southern Appalachian Cottage School has the hours of operation on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. These hours are available for the education of your child only, no additional child care will be provided. Students will not be permitted in the school building or playground before or after the contracted school hours.

## **ATTENDANCE**

- No child will be accepted earlier or later than the scheduled hours unless prior arrangements have been made and agreed upon by the educators. Late arrivals do not allow for late pickups and scheduled missed days cannot be switched for unscheduled days.
- Absences / early departures do not change your contracted rate or days.
- Southern Appalachian Cottage School is open Sept.-May, except for the holidays, days, and vacations as stipulated in this contract, the School Calendar, and in the Parent Handbook.
- Parents/guardians will notify the school two (2) weeks in advance and in writing of any changes such as changes in employment, changes in residence etc. so that the child's files will always be updated and current
- Although the number of days a student misses does not count against them, we do expect students to attend regularly unless situations arise that have been discussed with the teachers.

## **DROP OFF TIME**

The drop-off time is 9:20-9:30 a.m. School will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. We will not accept students before 9:20. Please have your child at school, fed and ready to begin, no later than 9:30 a.m.

## **ABSENCES / LATE ARRIVALS**

If your child will be absent please call, text, or email us to let us know. Your child's absence will **NOT** reduce your term fee. Make-up days for absences are not available. Habitual absences will result in termination from the school, without refund.

## **NO CALL / NO SHOW**

If your child is absent and we have not received notification by 9:45 a.m., we will send you a text message asking if your child will be attending for the day. After 2 consecutive no calls, no show's with no response to our texts, it will be assumed that your child will no longer be attending Southern Appalachian Cottage School and your child's spot will be terminated. Your semester fee will not be refunded upon termination from our school.

## **AUTHORIZED PICK-UP PERSON**

All authorized pick-up persons shall be listed on the pick-up list. In the event that you use a backup person to pick up your child, please notify us in advance and instruct this person to present their photo ID upon arrival.

## **HOLIDAYS**

Southern Appalachian Cottage School is closed on major holidays. The following are observed holidays:

- \*New Year's Day
- \*Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- \*Memorial Day
- \*July 4<sup>th</sup>
- \*Labor Day
- \*Thanksgiving Day
- \*Day after Thanksgiving
- \*Christmas Eve
- \*Christmas Day
- \*New Year's Eve

In the event of an emergency or circumstances that are out of our control, Southern Appalachian Cottage School may close for the day. We will notify you immediately via call, text, TeamReach app, school website, and/or email. If we close early, you will be contacted immediately for pick-up. In the event that the church needs to use the building on a school

day, we may reschedule school for a Monday or Friday. After 3 or more missed school days, the directors will schedule make-up days and will notify parents of the changes to the school calendar.

## **BILLING POLICY**

Because services are PREPAID, your **full semester's tuition is due no later than three weeks prior to the first day of school of the semester.** Parents will be notified of the due date for tuition. Any payments received after the due date will result in an additional \$50 late fee. We will not accept your child if full payment has not been received.

Your contracted rates are as follows: \$1500 for 2 days a week, per semester for the first child, \$100 discount per semester for each additional child. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee per child will be due at registration. Registration fees will help offset the costs of websites, online payment systems, liability insurance, etc. The registration fee will not apply to your child's total tuition.

Payments can be made on our online payment system. Checks MUST be mailed to the provided address. Cash will not be accepted. Payments must be received by the scheduled due date or a late fee will be charged. Again, your child will not be permitted to attend school until full payment has been received for the semester. Please see Billing Policy for complete details.

## **RETURNED PAYMENT FEE**

A returned payment or "bounced check" will result in a \$50 fee. Returned payment fees must be paid before the student may return to school.

## **REGISTRATION FEE / SUPPLY FEE**

Before your child is enrolled into Southern Appalachian Cottage School, a non-refundable registration fee of \$100 per student must be paid. This fee will also hold your child's spot for the upcoming semester. Your child's tuition is to be paid in full by the scheduled due date before school starts for the semester. The registration fee will not go towards your child's total tuition.

There will not be a Supply Fee. Tuition covers facility, facility utilities, teachers' salaries, all supplies, curriculum, etc. needed for the operation of our school.

## **LATE PICK-UP FEES**

**Our school day ends at 2:30 p.m.** therefore pick-up will be at 2:30. We understand circumstances change and late pick-ups will occur. You will be given a grace period of 10 minutes. Pick-ups after 2:40 p.m. will result in late fees. Late pick-up fees are \$1 per minute beginning at 2:40 p.m. Late pick-up fees are due before your child can return to school.

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

9:20-9:30-Drop off  
9:30-10:00-School Begins/Morning Meeting  
10:00-11:30-Lessons/Enrichment  
11:30-12:30-Lunch/Recess  
12:30-2:00-Lessons/Enrichment  
2:00-2:30-Snack/Dismissal

## **STUDIES**

Bible Study  
Hymn Study  
History/Geography/Social Studies

Nature Study  
Art Study  
Music Appreciation  
Literature (poetry, nursery rhymes, read-alouds, fables, reading buddies, etc)  
Penmanship (copywork, cursive writing, etc)  
Creative Writing  
Memory and Recitation (Bible verses)  
Handicrafts  
Life Skills  
Cooking and Kitchen Skills  
Mathematics  
Science

## **MEALS**

Breakfast will not be provided. Please have your child fed and ready to begin by 9:30 a.m.

Snacks will be provided to your child at no additional charge.

Please send in a packed lunch for your child. Lunch and recess will be from 11:30-12:30.

Please send in a water bottle that can be closed completely (ie screw-top cap). Students are not permitted to bring in any drink that cannot be completely sealed.

We understand your child may have allergies or dietary restrictions. Because we do cooking in class and provide snacks every day, you must inform us and send in their own snacks.

## **SAFETY**

We will always provide a warm, loving, and safe environment in which your child can explore, learn, and experience many different things. Some features that help insure your child's safety are:

### **Inside:**

- \*Adequate ventilation throughout the school
- \*Fire extinguishers are maintained properly
- \*Materials are age appropriate and will be used in a safe manner
- \*A well-stocked first aid kit is kept near and expiration dates are observed.
- \*Educators are CPR and First Aid certified
- \*Doors will remain locked at all times during our school day, except during drop-off/pick-up times

### **Outside:**

- \*Safe grassy areas to play
- \*Playground free of splinters and harmful objects
- \*Safety approved play equipment and toys
- \*Yard routinely inspected for harmful objects
- \*Children will not be outside unsupervised
- \*With approval from our Board of Directors, Southern Appalachian Cottage School Executive Directors have the right to conceal carry. The firearm will always remain on the person. The Executive Directors have been properly trained to conceal carry through the state of Tennessee.

## **EMERGENCIES**

In the event of an emergency with your child, you will be called and if necessary the child will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital. You will be responsible for all medical treatment necessary for your child's well-being.

This is not limited to emergency room care, ambulance visits and co-pays to your insurance company. We require your child’s medical/insurance information to be kept on file in case of emergency.

**ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES**

If your child becomes injured while in care, emergency action will be taken to protect your child from further harm and you will be notified.

- \*If your child receives a serious injury, you will be notified immediately and an accident/injury report will be completed and kept in your child’s file.
- \*You will be notified of less serious accidents or injuries before your child is released at the end of the day.
- \*Parent/guardian signature will be required for documentation of notification of the accident/injury

**MANDATED REPORTING**

We are required to report suspected child maltreatment and abuse to an appropriate agency, such as child protective services, a law enforcement agency, or the state’s toll-free child abuse reporting hotline.

**RELEASE OF CHILD**

- \*Your child will only be released to the people you have authorized
- \*Authorized people not known to Southern Appalachian Cottage School will be required to show a State issued ID.
- \*Children will be released only to custodial parents unless previous arrangements have been made.
- \*Court documents detailing custody arrangements are to be provided
- \*If an authorized person appears intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol an emergency contact will be called. The police will be notified if the person departs with the child.
- \*You must walk up to the door to pick up your child. This is for the safety of our students.

**ILLNESS AND SICK CARE**

The health and wellbeing of all children are of utmost importance. It is for the protection of the children that if you present your child with any of the conditions listed below they will not be admitted to school. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions or doubts regarding the statements it contains, please discuss them with us now. If your child is unable to participate in the normal routine or needs more care than we can provide without neglecting the others in our school, the child must stay home. If a child is ill and cannot attend school, any siblings may not attend school until everyone in the home is symptom-free. Children with minor illness may attend school at the educators’ discretion.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY / HEALTH EXCLUSION POLICY**

By Law, your child or siblings will **NOT** be permitted to attend if they have any of these symptoms or illnesses until the proper time has passed and/or a Dr.’s note is obtained as shown below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Temperature of 100°F or higher without medication even if there has not been a change in behavior. Cannot return for 48 hours after fever has resolved <b><u>without</u></b> medication.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Uncontrolled or Excessive coughing</b>; Exp: coughing multiple times within 15-30 minutes. Cannot return until cough has been controlled and accompanied with a doctor's note.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Symptoms of possible severe illness, such as <b>unusual tiredness, uncontrolled or excessive coughing, unexplained irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, wheezing, or other unusual signs</b>;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Diarrhea; two or more times of loose stool during the past 24 hours, OR <b>One</b> Loose stool if diarrhea is accompanied by fever, exclude for 48 hours after the symptoms end;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Blood in stools not due to change in diet, medication, or hard stools;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Vomiting; two or more times in the past 24 hours, <b>or one time if accompanied by a fever until 48 hours after the symptoms end</b> or until a health care provider determines the vomiting is not contagious and the child is not in danger of dehydration;</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing stomach pain (more than two hours) or off-and-on pain due to a fever or other symptom;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mouth sores with drooling; Cannot return until sores have completely healed <b>and</b> accompanied by a Doctor's note.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rash with fever or behavior change;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink eye (with white or yellow eye discharge), until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scabies, until 24 hours after starting treatment;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head lice, until 24 hours after starting treatment;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuberculosis, as directed by DPH;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impetigo, until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment and sores are dry;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strep throat, until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chickenpox, until all sores have crusted and are dry (usually six days);</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shingles, only if sores cannot be covered by clothing or a bandage; if not, exclude until sores have crusted and are dry</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pertussis, until completing five days of antibiotic treatment;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mumps, until five days after onset of glandular swelling;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis A virus, until one week after onset of jaundice, or as directed by DPH;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measles, until four days after arrival of rash; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubella, until seven days after arrival of rash;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cold sores, <b>until sores have completely healed.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unspecified illness: if the child is unable to participate in activities or the facility cannot provide care for this child and the other children.</li> </ul>

This is a ZERO tolerance policy. If you are required to have your child seen by a doctor, you must submit a signed note from their doctor before your child can return to school. This is to ensure that a child does not return to school when he or she may be in danger of exposing someone else to an illness. Some contagious illnesses are no longer contagious after the child has been on medication for 24 hours.

DO NOT attempt to cover up your child's fever with Motrin or Tylenol so that they can return to school, as you will still get a call to immediately pick your child up as soon as we become aware of a fever of 100°F or higher. Habitual disregard of this policy will result in termination.

Children with a reportable communicable disease as listed on the Tennessee Department of Health's website <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/reportable-diseases.html> will **NOT** be admitted to school unless written documentation from the child's health care provider states the child has been evaluated and presents no risk to the child or others or the Department of Health has advised us that the child presents no risk to others. If your child is exposed to a communicable disease while at school, you will be notified and given information on the symptoms of the disease.

## **BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT**

Southern Appalachian Cottage School uses positive reinforcement and role modeling techniques as a means to reinforce positive behavior. We encourage the use of re-direction and child-initiated dialogue as a means of settling issues. It is not the child, but the child's actions that are given the attention. The use of "taking a break" is used sparingly and only in cases where the child has the ability to reflect on past behavior and make the appropriate changes. The length of time in "taking a break" will not exceed one minute per year of the child's age.

No child will be denied food as a form of punishment. No child will be punished for not using the toilet. No force-feeding, threatening or physically striking a child. No child will be punished in a cruel, humiliating or abusive manner.

Each child and parent must sign the Code of Conduct for our school. Breaking the Code of Conduct goes against our behavior policy.

Misconduct will result in the following:

1. Talk about the behaviors with the child and have him/her try to remedy the situation.
2. Parents are notified about behaviors.
3. Parent/teacher conference.
4. Termination from the school.

These steps of the Behavior Policy are continuous from year to year. They will not start over at the beginning of each semester or school year.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation to and from Southern Appalachian Cottage School WILL NOT be provided.

## **MEDICATIONS**

If your child is on medication and it must be administered at school, the medicine must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name, doctor, name of medicine, dosage and when it is to be taken. We will also have a form for you to sign giving us permission to administer the medication to your child. Medication will be given at the time or with the meal you specify and a written record kept.

## **DIAPERING/POTTY TRAINING**

All students must be fully potty-trained to attend Southern Appalachian Cottage School. No diapering and/or potty-training will occur at school. Educators may assist children if needed, but will encourage children to care for their own toileting needs.

## **HANDWASHING**

Children's hands are washed before/after eating, use of the toilet, when coming in from outside, after coming in contact with a sick child and/or runny nose, or after completing messy crafts or projects.

Educators' hands are washed before preparing food, before and after giving medication, after touching body secretions and hands are always dried with a single use paper towel.

## **REST TIME**

There will not be a rest time during our school day. We may have a relaxed reading time during our day.

## **SCREEN-TIME POLICY**

Any video uses will be related to lessons taught at school. Shows will be age appropriate, educational, and fun. Video viewing will be limited.

## **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR YOUR CHILD**

- \*packed lunch
- \*water bottle that completely seals
- \*backpack with a complete change of clothes. Please label all clothes and coats/jackets
- \*weather appropriate clothes and shoes (we will be spending as much time in nature as possible)
- \*sunscreen/bug spray, if desired, must be labeled with child's name

## **PROPER ATTIRE**

Child's play is messy. Your child will be painting, playing on the grass, exploring nature, and various other activities. The children will participate in all activities regardless of their dress. Please remember to replace your child's clothing in their backpacks at least every 6 months to assure we have a garment that fits. Please remember to dress your child in weather-appropriate clothing and shoes.

## **TOYS AND PERSONAL ARTICLES FROM HOME**

No toys or gaming cards (Pokemon, etc.) should be brought from home. We are NOT responsible for lost, broken, or stolen objects that are brought from home. Cell phones and tablets at school will not be tolerated. If cell phones/tablets are brought to school, educators will take possession of them until the end of our school day.

## **BREAKS**

We will operate on a 2 semester per year schedule. We will take breaks in-between 6 week terms to plan, regroup, and get ready for the next term. The schedule of terms will be listed on our school website calendar.

## **OUTSIDE PLAY**

When weather permits, we will play/learn outside. Please send appropriate clothing and shoes.

## **TERMINATION**

Tuition is due by the scheduled date 3 weeks before school begins for the semester. Your child may not attend if we have not received full tuition. In the event of termination from our school, all paid fees will be forfeited by you.

Examples of why termination would occur include but are not limited to:

- \*failure of parents to pay fees
- \*failure to complete and sign the required forms
- \*lack of parent and/or student cooperation
- \*our inability to meet the child's needs without additional staff
- \*gross misconduct on the part of the parent and/or child
- \*habitually breaking the Code of Conduct and/or Statement of Faith

## **WITHDRAWAL**

If you choose to withdraw your child, all paid fees will be forfeited by you. Your child's spot will not be guaranteed in the future and you must restart the Enrollment Process from the beginning.

## **VISION**

What is a Cottage School?

A Cottage School is a small, hybrid school that meets throughout the week. Students must be registered homeschoolers. Students are expected to do their own schooling at home the days they do not meet in the cottage school. In a cottage school there are paid teachers instead of parent volunteers. The cottage school is not responsible for the overall education of your child.

### **Southern Appalachian Cottage School Vision:**

- Provide a safe, intimate, Christian environment where students can learn together about God's amazing world while completing their academic journey through childhood.

- Bring Prayer, Scripture, and Hymns back into school
- Have a morning meeting where we gather together to pray, sing, and say the pledges.
- Multi-age classes where students are not placed by birthday or grade level; but instead, are grouped together by their readiness to complete each academic step.
- Learn handicrafts along with traditional subjects. (sewing, cooking, gardening, etc.)
- Nature Studies such as botany, nature walks, and journaling.
- Students will be dropped off and left for the day. They will bring a backpack, lunch, water bottle and any other supplies decided by the teacher.
- Tuition would cover facility, utilities of the facility, insurance and liability, materials and curriculum, and teachers' salaries.
- Class groups will be limited to smaller numbers to ensure each student is getting the most out of each school day.
- Slow down and not focus so much on testing but instead help students find joy in learning. We want children to love school and not feel all of the stress and pressure larger government schools can bring.
- No State involvement.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*"tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done...that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God."*

Here at Southern Appalachian Cottage School, we believe all children are created by and loved by God. As parents and teachers, it is our job to share God's word with our children. They are our top ministry priority. We believe God has put us in their lives to make them His disciples. During our school day, we will be studying God's word through scripture as well as worshiping him through song and prayer. We believe in including God's word into all school lessons because this is His world, and we are His creations. Therefore, our curriculum will be founded in Christianity and all lessons will be taught from a Christian point of view. Below are some core beliefs of the teachers at Southern Appalachian Cottage School.

- We believe there is only one true God, made up of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe He sent His son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and resurrected Him from the dead.

*"yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist." 1Cor. 8:6*

*"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." 1 John 5:7-8*

- We believe in the Creation Story stating that God alone created and designed this world perfectly, but Man opened the door to sin.

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1;*

*Genesis 3 "The Fall of Man"*

- We believe God created the wonderful unity of marriage between man and woman in order for them to be a helpmeet to each other. We believe He intended marriage to be between one man and one woman, and anything outside of this is against his Holy Word.

*“Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men[a] nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Cor. 6:9-10*

*“We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.” 1 Timothy 1:8-11*

- We believe all people are God’s children and are equally loved by Him no matter their race or ethnicity.

*“For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.” Galatians 3:26-29*

*“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.” Romans 10:12*

- We believe God created us in our mother’s womb, choosing our gender, and we are not to alter this.

*“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” Mark 10:6-9*

*“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Psalm 139:13-16*

If these beliefs do not match your family’s beliefs, Southern Appalachian Cottage School may not be the right fit for you. We ask that you give this some serious thought and prayer before making a commitment for your child and the school.

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

All families are expected to:

- show courtesy and respect to all teachers, peers and any visitors the school hosts.
- display a positive attitude throughout each school day.
- apply themselves and put in effort to complete any projects, homework, etc. that is assigned to them.
- use supportive and encouraging language toward others.
- attend school regularly, unless otherwise discussed with the teachers.
- display a Christ-like attitude throughout each school day.

The following behaviors WILL NOT BE TOLERATED:

- Racism or prejudice toward any person or group of people
- name-calling, bullying, or belittling of others
- persistent disrespect or arguing with teachers
- physical violence toward others
- continuous disregard of the policies set in the Parent Handbook

We reserve the right to terminate a child's spot if the Code of Conduct is broken by the students or parents.

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## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

### **Agreement and Release from Liability**

To participate in any activity associated with Southern Appalachian Cottage School—including but not limited to regular classes, field trips, extracurricular activities, special events, and the use of facilities and equipment—the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- I give permission for my child to attend and participate in Southern Appalachian Cottage School activities. These may include, but are not limited to, arts and crafts, games, physical movement, exercise, and other school events and activities.
- I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Southern Appalachian Cottage School, its directors, officers, teachers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims, damages, judgments, losses, liabilities, or expenses related to personal injury or property damage to myself, my child, or my ward while participating in any school-sponsored activity. I understand that participation in these activities may carry inherent risks, including injury or even death.
- I acknowledge that Southern Appalachian Cottage School does not provide insurance coverage for students, parents, or visitors at its events. I accept full responsibility for the safety and supervision of myself, my children, and any guests I bring to school functions.
- I grant permission for my child to use all school-related play equipment and facilities, including the school building, indoor play spaces, and outdoor areas. I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Southern Appalachian Cottage School, its host facility, and any agents acting on its behalf, from any and all claims, damages, losses, judgments, expenses, or liabilities arising from injury to myself or my child during participation.
- I authorize the directors, teachers, agents, volunteers, or officers of Southern Appalachian Cottage School to take any reasonable steps necessary to obtain emergency medical care for my child or ward if needed. This may include calling a physician, an ambulance, or transporting the child to a medical facility. I understand that a copy of my insurance card will be required upon registration.
- I grant permission for myself and/or my child(ren) to appear in photos that may be used in Southern Appalachian Cottage School materials, including—but not limited to—the yearbook, website, social media groups, and promotional content.
- I acknowledge that Southern Appalachian Cottage School and its agents are not responsible for my child's academic progress. I understand that Southern Appalachian Cottage School functions as a support group only. Enrollment does not fulfill any legal homeschooling requirements in the state of residence or through umbrella school programs. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure compliance with state laws and registration requirements as indicated at <https://www.tn.gov/education/families/school-options/home-schooling-in-tn.html>. To support the integrity of our school, families are asked to indicate their legal homeschool status and/or umbrella school affiliation on the registration form.
- I understand that I am responsible for the care and supervision of my child(ren) during all Southern Appalachian Cottage School activities, including field trips, extracurricular events, parent-attended programs, and any special events.