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# ONLINE CAMP PROGRAM

*A free, online, camp program brought to by  
Minnesota Farmers Union!*

**Online Elementary Camp: July 14-15 (Ages 8-11)**

**Online Junior Camp: July 21-23 (Ages 11-14)**

**Online Senior High Camp: July 28-31 (Ages 14-18)**

Hello MFU Camp Family,

As I'm sure you are well aware, we are all living in a pandemic, and unfortunately, holding in-person camp, amazing as it is, would put everyone's safety at risk. We will however still be holding an online camp, which has been planned out with great care by our team of counselors. This year, camp will be totally free of charge, all you'll have to do is register for and attend the general admission session. During the registration process, you will be presented with a variety of lessons and activities from which to select, creating a personalized camp experience based on your camper's interests. These options include a trip around the globe, origami-making, a mental wellness lesson, a comic-con theme night, and many more. All materials required for crafts and lessons will be provided and shipped to you by MFU, so there's no need to worry about picking anything up from a store! We're working hard on making this camp as engaging and true to the MFU experience as possible, while recognizing that it will certainly feel a bit different than usual. Don't hesitate, sign up for MFU Leadership Camp 2020- we look forward to seeing all the campers' faces!

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- FREE
- Completely online
- Interactive activities
- Craft projects
- Lessons
- Multiple sessions throughout the day!
- Program days run from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Select only the sessions your camper wants to attend, no need to attend all sessions!

## FAQ FOR PARENTS

- The **MFU Online Camp Program** is a free, online, drop-in camp program that follows the spirit of the MFU summer camps.
- Participants will join **video sessions** to receive real-time instruction on an art project they can complete at home using simple household materials (or materials mailed to them from MFU).
- **Zoom** will be the primary video conference application used to interact during the sessions.
- Each week, there will be a focus on a **different age range** similar to how our in-person camps are held.
- **Parents can register their child for as many or as few sessions as they like.**
- Every session will be led by at least two **trained counselors** with other counselors providing support in the background.
- Beyond the Zoom sessions, participants can also follow the **official camp Instagram** for more exciting content.

## HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD IS SAFE AT MFU ONLINE CAMP?

- The MFU counselors are **trained and experienced** working with youth in camp settings.
- The Zoom sessions will be **closely moderated** for appropriate behavior and posting.
- **Pre-screening process** ensures that every participant meets the criteria to join the group before attending a session.
- Participants will be **removed** if they do not respect the guidelines of the MFU Online Camp.
- Parent/guardian must sign the **attached form** before the child can participate.

# MFU ONLINE CAMP PERMISSION FORM, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND CONSENT

*THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ONE CUSTODIAL PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD*

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:** BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE ACCEPTING RISKS AND AGREEING TO GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE. DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM UNTIL YOU HAVE READ IT, COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO ALL OF ITS TERMS.*

## **POTENTIAL RISKS**

In joining this online camp, participants will need to use their webcams and an email address. Whenever you let your child use a webcam, you should ensure that they are only using it for the purpose you've agreed to. Our sessions are about 1 hour long, so you will know when the child should be turning off their webcam.

When using Zoom, the full name of each user will be visible to other users. Consider removing your last name from your account or create a new account with an alias just for the purpose of joining MFU Online Camp and other online communities.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

A MFU Online Camp experience is a positive environment where campers come to learn and grow. As such, there are a number of things that will not be tolerated from both campers and staff.

Campers will be expected to act in ways that demonstrate kindness, respect, inclusivity and safety. If a person's behavior affects the safety or well-being of others, or if it is disruptive to the positive learning community, they run the risk of being removed from aspects of the program or being dismissed from it entirely. These behaviors include but are not limited to, verbal violence, sexual misconduct, harassment, or discrimination. The recreational use of drugs, alcohol, cannabis and tobacco products during MFU Online Camp are not permitted and may result in dismissal from the program.

**My camper recognizes the trust that has been placed in them and agrees to conduct themselves, while participating in MFU Online Camp, in accordance with the following principles:**

- Demonstrate respect for myself and others at all times through my actions and language.
- Act in a way that prioritizes the physical and emotional safety of myself and others.
- Participate in MFU Online Camp to the best of my ability and challenge myself to try new things.
- Respect the importance of group dynamics.
- Dress appropriately for online video sessions.
- Communicate any concerns and needs to my Counselors. I understand that staff are here to help.

**While participating in MFU Online Camp, my camper agrees to follow these online safety guidelines:**

- Participants must follow rules and guidelines shared by the Counselors (including not talking when the counselor is talking or interrupting sessions).

- Nothing shared within MFU Online Camp is to be shared on any other platforms without the permission of the user. (For instance, do not share someone else's art/comments without their permission).
- Not share any private login information with others.
- Respect their home and family by using a spot in my home with a neutral background for online video sessions, where the details of their home and family members do not appear on camera.
- Don't give out personal information such as addresses and phone numbers to others.
- Take personal screen shots or video recordings of MFU Online Camp sessions.
- Only communicate with my peers and Counselors using the authorized platforms provided by MFU Online Camp.

### EXPULSION

I agree that any violation of the rules of the Camp by the Camper or any behavior that puts the Camper or others at physical or emotional risk will result in immediate dismissal from the Camp at the discretion of the Camp management.

### ACTIVITIES

Camp activities may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

**Online community and team-building** activities, both live and pre-recorded, using internet platforms approved by the Foundation

**Viewing of Foundation-produced online content** including campfire-style stories, songs, or instructional videos **At home activities** the camper will be invited to undertake activities on their own time, such as, but not limited to, creative arts, digital photography or video, cooking, gardening, sports, mapping, interviewing, or DIY projects.

### RISKS

While the Foundation takes every security precaution before, during, and after all online programming, the Camper's participation in the Camp, including each of the activities offered as part of Camp involves a **risk of injury or death** and/or **damage to or loss of property**. Campers and/or their parents/guardians must assume these **RISKS**.

All of the **RISKS** cannot be listed on this Form, but may include: the risk of data mining, phishing, viruses, malware, data breach of online information, cyberbullying, exploitation, victimization, cyber stalking, online grooming, cyber predators, digital footprint, reputation loss, compliance violations, brand hijacking, image replication.

**Damage** to equipment, such as a smartphone, computer, tablet, internet access, headset, earphones, microphone, digital camera, etc., is the sole responsibility of the owner of said equipment. The Foundation will not be responsible for any damage that may happen during Camp.

The Foundation will not provide full supervision for the Camper. Participation in Camp is at the Camper's own **RISK**. While measures are being taken to manage any risk, there is still the risk that something unexpected may happen.

The Camper's participation in the Camp may lead to additional **risks not described above**.

### PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I consent to the Camper's participation in the Camp for the camp session with the knowledge of the **RISKS**

involved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RISK:**

I accept any and all **RISKS**, including the risk of injury or death and/or damage to or loss of property associated with the Camper's participation in the Camp for the camp session.

**WAIVER, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND INDEMNITY:**

In exchange for the Camper's participation in the Camp for the camp session, **I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- a) I agree to **waive any and all liability**, of any kind, of the Foundation;
- b) I agree that **I will not commence or participate in any type of claim or lawsuit** against the Foundation; and
- c) I agree that **I will completely indemnify and hold harmless** the Foundation for any claims or lawsuits against the Foundation by any person or corporation, including the **Camper** in his or her personal capacity or by any legal person on his or her behalf.

I understand that by signing below, I am acknowledging my **AGREEMENT TO THE ABOVE**.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

All photographs, film, video, shared artwork, or other audio-visual recording taken of or produced by the Camper by the Foundation or its agents shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Foundation and may be stored, maintained, used, modified, published or broadcast in any medium now known or hereafter devised, without payment or compensation by any one or more of the following, namely, the Foundation, Minnesota Farmers Union, their affiliated or related entities, and their advertising and promotional agencies. I understand that online activities will be recorded. I understand that these recordings may capture the Camper's name, likeness, image or voice. I give permission for the Foundation to use these recordings, works produced by the Camper (such as artwork or short stories), or data collected through participation surveys, and that I will not have an opportunity to review or approve such uses. I am okay with photos of my child's art being shared on social media. I am okay with photos of my child being shared on social media.

**GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

The laws of the state of Minnesota shall govern the validity, construction and enforceability of this Agreement, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles. All suits, actions, claims and causes of action relating to the construction, validity, performance and enforcement of this Agreement shall be in the courts of the State of Minnesota. I agree that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I agree that this Agreement is to be construed broadly to provide a release, indemnification and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

**SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Form is held by a Court to be unenforceable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the parties' intention. All remaining provisions of this Form shall remain in full force and effect as drafted.

By signing this agreement, I give my permission to allow \_\_\_\_\_ **[Name of Camper]** to participate in the Minnesota Farmers Union Online Camp Program, and I confirm that they will behave to the standards outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Signing below confirms that you have read the above camp information, acknowledge and accept the entire content of THIS page and the preceding THREE PAGES, and that you agree to be bound by it.

**“I have read the above and I agree”**

**Parent/Guardian Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send this completed form to: [education.director@mfu.org](mailto:education.director@mfu.org)  
to receive a registration link!*