EVERY ADULT LEADER ATTENDING CAMP TAHOUSA SUMMER CAMP 
MUST COMPLETE THIS LEADER’S REFERENCE FORM: 
PURSUANT TO: COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, 
MINIMUM RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CHILDREN’S CAMPS 
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PERSONNEL 7.711.21D & GENERAL RULES 7.701.53A

LEADER’S NAME: ____________________________________ TROOP NUMBER: __________
COUNCIL __________________ DATE ATTENDING CAMP: __________________

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILLED OUT BY ANY ADULT WHO WILL BE SPENDING A 
NIGHT AT CAMP TAHOUSA DURING OUR SUMMER CAMPING SEASON.

1 – ROLE OF THE UNIT LEADER/ADULT IN CAMP:
It is the role of the unit leader/adult to supervise and monitor the youth in their unit. Unit leaders shall not have any other duties that would detract from the responsibility of service as a leader.

2 – CHARGES OR CONVICTIONS:
Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any charge of child abuse or neglect, unlawful sexual offense, or any felony?

Circle one     YES     NO

3 – UNDERSTANDING & REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE:
Child abuse consists of a wide variety of different problems. Usually these are categorized as physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. Physical abuse is the injury of the child by other than accidental means. Emotional abuse is the constant belittling, criticizing, yelling at and verbal tearing down of the child. Sexual abuse is any sexual activity between a child and an adult, or sexual activity involving children in which the age, size or other power factors between the participants is unequal. Child neglect is failure to provide necessary nurturance when resources are available to do so.

Under the “Child Protection Act of 1987” (C.R.S. 19-3-301) in the Colorado Children’s Code, leaders are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect. The law at 19-3-304 states that if a leader has “reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect shall immediately report” such information to the Camp Director. It is not the leader’s role to investigate suspected abuse – only to report it. Persons who make a good faith report are immune from civil and criminal liability. Additionally, the law provides for the protection of the identity of the reporting party.

A leader who fails to report suspected child abuse or neglect commits a class 3 misdemeanor and will be punished as provided in section 18-1-106, C.R.S.

I have read and understand the above requirements concerning my responsibility regarding child abuse reporting, and my Role of the unit leader/adult in Camp.

Signature_________________________________________ Date____________________________
4 – CHARACTER REFERENCE #1:
This section to be completed by an individual who knows the adult and who can provide a frank evaluation of the adult’s suitability in working with children during a week-long camp.

CIRCLE THE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE ADULT LEADER
ATTITUDE: Enthusiastic Positive Acceptable Negative
COMMON SENSE: Always Sound Usually Sound Needs Direction None
INTEGRITY: Trustworthy Usually Reliable Lacking

WOULD YOU TRUST THE CARE OF YOUR CHILD WITH THIS PERSON? YES NO
I RECOMMEND THIS PERSON AS AN ADULT LEADER: YES NO

Signature______________________________________ Date________________________
Printed Name______________________________ Telephone: ____________________

5 – CHARACTER REFERENCE #2:
This section to be completed by an individual who knows the adult and who can provide a frank evaluation of the adult’s suitability in working with children during a week-long camp.

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I RECOMMEND THIS PERSON AS AN ADULT LEADER: YES NO

Signature______________________________________ Date________________________
Printed Name______________________________ Telephone: ____________________

6 – CHARACTER REFERENCE #3:
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WOULD YOU TRUST THE CARE OF YOUR CHILD WITH THIS PERSON? YES NO
I RECOMMEND THIS PERSON AS AN ADULT LEADER: YES NO

Signature______________________________________ Date________________________
Printed Name______________________________ Telephone: ____________________