

Open Coast Parent Release Form

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Open Coast General Parent Release Form

We the members, admins, and participants of Open Coast agree that child safety is important. This form is to establish realistic expectations of safety and responsibility. For context, we are a group composed of random locals with shared interest in the furry subculture. We are not an organization, business, etc. We are a group of strangers who get together to socialize and have fun. With this said, it should be understood that everyone who attends Open Coast events should be considered strangers. Open Coast chats, events, and other activities are attended mostly by adults. Minors are welcome in spaces specifically designated and moderated for children with appropriate rules and restrictions for such spaces. Chats are easy to moderate, in person events are not. This form is intended to explain to you the parent what you should expect and for us to keep a record of emergency contact information.

1.A EXPECTATIONS:

This is the set of expectations you should expect from Open Coast event organizers and moderators.

- All security events, issues, and complaints are heard and appropriately responded to.
- Issues that fall within our group's control are resolved to the best of our extent with appropriate corrective actions.
- Problematic people are removed from the group and uninvited to Open Coast events.
- All events open to minors are appropriately moderated to prevent children from being exposed to adult content/topics alcohol and/or tobacco, or becoming a victim of abuse.

1.B WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU, THE PARENT:

We are not omnipresent or all-powerful; thus we have several expectations and needs of you as the parent.

- When an issue is observed, you are expected to reach out to one of the admins or the chat organizer.
- You are expected to take responsibility for your children.
- You will not hold Open Coast (as a group), the event organizers, Open Coast admins, or the venue liable for any issues, injuries, etc. that occur as a result of participation in an Open Coast event or are carried out by an individual.
- You will ensure your children follow all group rules (see section 2.A) and maintain an age-appropriate environment.
- You will retain the capacity to perform all your duties as mentioned here, by event organizers, the venue, and admins.
- You will refrain from any activities that are disruptive or create an un-inclusive environment. This means no discussions of politics, religion, etc.
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1.C ACKNOWLEDGING OUR LIMITS OF MODERATION:

Maintaining a safe environment in an online chat room is much easier than at public events. When there is an issue online, a violating chat member can easily be removed and excluded from conversation. When we are in public spaces, however, this is not possible. Furthermore, while having insight and moderation in chats is much easier and enforceable, it is essentially impossible in public event spaces. We acknowledge this and will do our best to ensure a safe environment, but we have some things listed here that you, the parent, should consider a possibility. These are out of our control to prevent entirely, but we will respond to them as much as we are able. This is not a complete list.

- Vulgar language.
- Use of alcohol by adults.
- Talks of adult subjects between adults.

2.A RULES OF CONDUCT:

All members, participants, adults, and children are expected to abide by the rules of conduct both in chat and at public official events.

- No bullying.
- No harassment.
- No talk of politics or religion.
- No sharing of adult content, including explicit images, alcohol, tobacco, etc.
- No inappropriate clothing, accessories, or etc. (clothing that in nature is adult, clothing or accessories that depicts nsfw topics, images or iconography, and etc.)
- No physical contact (touching, grabbing, hugging, etc.) without explicit consent.

This is not a complete list and may be added to.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in a temporary ban, permanent ban, revocation of invite to events, informing of parents, or legal action.

We rely on everyone to report issues, as we do not have perfect insight into everything, if you see any violations of these rules or safety concerns, please inform the Open Coast admins or the event organizer as soon as possible.

2.B WE NEED YOU AS A PARENT TO REPORT:

We may not be able to observe every violation of Open Coast group rules or the law; to have as much insight as possible, we need everyone's support. This includes you as the parent/ authorized adult. If you observe any issues, breaking of group rules, or violating of the law, please inform an Open Coast admin or the event organizer immediately.

3. WE ARE, WILL, AND ALWAYS WILL BE LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE:

What this means is that while an event may not be advertised as a LGBTQ+ event, all participants are expected to maintain a LGBTQ+-friendly environment. This means that you should expect the following:

- LGBTQ+ people, including individuals that identify and/or present as transgender, non-binary, etc.
- LGBTQ+ iconography on one's person or possessions.
- Discussions of LGBTQ+ issues or topics between individuals.

What this does **not** mean:

- Any form of inappropriate discussion with minors.
- Any discussions or displays of sexual activities with minors.

4. THERE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHY:

AT OUR EVENTS, people may be in costumes, fursuits, etc. As such, people will be taking photos. We, as the event organizers, may also organize group photos. By attending our events, you consent for you and your child to appear in photos taken at this event. You also accept that you and your child may appear incidentally in photos. You or your child are welcome to decline participation in organized group photos. Any images you or your child appear in may be shared online without further permission.

5. RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

You agree that you, the parent, will not take legal action or attempt to take legal action against the Event Organizers, Open Coast as a group, Open Coast admins, or the venue and released aforementioned parties from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, whether in law or in equity, arising out of any bodily injury, property damage, or other loss that you and your children may sustain while participating in group events.

6. YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED:

You are not expected to participate, but you or an approved ADULT are required to accompany your child. Any child whose parent or adult chaperone is unaccounted for will be given to the custody of the police where you can retrieve them. We are not going to be responsible for your children or act as a babysitter, nor is it feasible for us to do so.

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7. REQUIRED INFORMATION:

We require the following information so that we may contact you (the parent) in the case of an issue or emergency. You will need to include a completed copy of this page for *each* child that will attend Open Coast events. Any child lacking this documentation will be considered unaccounted for (see section 6).

7.B Parent Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

7.C Child Information:

Name: _____

Age: _____

7.D Authorized Adult (If applicable):

Name: _____

Relation to Child: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

7.E Child allergies, special requirements, or notes:

AGREEMENTS AND SIGNATURES:

By signing below you agree to all terms outlined within the listed document and verify that all information is completed and accurate to the best of your knowledge and that all participating minors are documented properly.

Sign and Date:

Parent: _____ Child: _____

Authorized Adult (if applicable): _____