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# PARENT INTERNET PERMISSION FORM

## Southern Oregon University Youth Programs

We are pleased to offer students of Southern Oregon University Youth Programs access to the SOU computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the enclosed form to the Program Director.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed any disadvantages. School personnel will make good faith efforts to direct students to appropriate Internet materials, but ultimately parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end SOU Youth Programs support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

### Internet and E-mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on SOU computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. **Parent permission is required.** Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the SOU computer network are responsible for their behavior and communication over the network. It is presumed that users will comply with the standards outlined below and will honor the agreement they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, SOU is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During SOU Youth Programs classes, teachers of younger students will guide them towards appropriate materials. Outside of SOU Youth Programs, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures (e.g. sexual, drug, violence or alcohol-related messages)
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

**Violations may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.**

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**USER AGREEMENT & PARENT PERMISSION FORM**

As a user of the Southern Oregon University computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules, communicating over the network in a responsible fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_