CHALLENGE COURSE: Challenge course activities are, by their nature, physically and emotionally demanding, and participating in the Tall Oak’s Challenge Course program may involve risks such as bending, twisting, lifting, running, jumping, climbing, swinging, increased heart or breath rates and physical contact with others.

Tall Oak’s Challenge Course staff will make every reasonable effort to minimize exposure to known risks; however, not all dangers and hazards can be foreseen. Certain risks and dangers exist in the activities that are beyond the control of Tall Oak’s Challenge Course and their employees.

Low Challenge Course activities are team building/problem solving and are activities that take place on or close to the ground with limited safety equipment.

High Challenge Course activities are highly supervised climbing activities requiring use of safety helmets and harness.

EQUESTRIAN (horse) PROGRAM: Warning: Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. You are assuming the risk of participating in this domestic animal activity.

Inherent risks of domestic animal activities include, but shall not be limited to:

1. the propensity of a domestic animal to behave in ways i.e., running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them;
2. The unpredictability of a domestic animal’s reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals;
3. Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions;
4. Collisions with other domestic animals or objects; and
5. The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the domestic animal or not acting within such participants ability.

FISHING: Tall Oak’s small pond is a catch and release pond for guest use with user group supervision.

SWIMMING: Swimming at Tall Oaks is held in a controlled swimming pool environment, with certified lifeguards on duty.

ARCHERY: Tall Oaks archery is basic target archery at a controlled archery range with trained instructors.

NATURE & HIKING: Tall Oak’s nature & hiking activities are conducted in the Tall Oaks woodlands and wetlands and participants could be exposed to poison ivy, mud, dirty conditions and dealing with insects, reptiles and other wildlife. Hiking trails are open to any guests without a leader with the exception of areas specifically posted. It is the responsibility of the group to control usage if they feel the need to do so.

WAGON RIDE: Wagon ride in a wagon with railings and restrictive guidelines for safety. It will be pulled by a tractor with trained driver.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Tall Oak’s staff will occasionally be taking photographs and or videos of activities. These will be used for promotional activities of Tall Oaks or to distribute to campers. No names of participants will be used on any publication of these materials. Your signature on the release form allows Tall Oaks to take and use these materials. No compensation will be given for photos and/or videos.

Proper clothing for activities: wear secure and sturdy shoes (crocs and flip flops are not allowed at activity areas). Secure jewelry, wallets and sharp objects in your cabin or locked vehicle. Leave your cell phone and camera in a safe place—no cell phones and/or cameras on the course or at horseback riding. Wear weather appropriate clothing you won’t mind getting dirty. Wear bug repellent, sunscreen.

At horses long pants are required. Helmets specifically rated for horseback riding are required and provided.

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