DANGEROUS ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

A. DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PERMISSION FORM AND GUIDELINES

Climbing and Rappelling Walls in Controlled Settings
Students must complete appropriate training, use prescribed safety gear, and be supervised by a host parent or responsible adult.

Driving Farm Tractors
Students are permitted to drive standard farm tractors on private property. Instruction and supervision by a host parent or responsible adult are required. Driving tractors or other farm equipment must be in the context of helping out with chores and not a recreational activity. For students covered under the YFU USA insurance plan, driving a tractor is an exception to the motor vehicle exclusion in the medical portion of the policy and it is ultimately up to the insurance company to decide what constitutes a "standard farm tractor" should a claim arise.

Driving Ride-on Lawn Mowers
Students are permitted to drive standard ride-on mowers on private property. Instruction and supervision by a responsible adult are required. Use of ride-on mowers must be in the context of helping out with chores and not a recreational activity. For students covered under the YFU USA insurance plan, driving a ride-on mower is an exception to the motor vehicle exclusion in the medical portion of the policy and it is ultimately up to the insurance company to decide what constitutes a "standard ride-on mower" should a claim arise.

Horse Jumping
Students must be trained and supervised by a qualified instructor. Students must follow safety guidelines and utilize prescribed protective gear. Any injuries sustained during horse racing are excluded from the YFU provided insurance policy.

Hunting and Other Use of Firearms
Students must complete a certified training course in the use of firearms or other weapons used. Students must be properly licensed for both the type of game (animals) sought and the weapon used (including air/spring powered guns and bows and arrows). Students must follow safety guidelines, utilize prescribed protective gear, and follow all local laws. The hunting activity must be supervised by host parent(s) or a responsible adult.

Paint Ball and Archery
Students must complete appropriate training, follow safety guidelines, use prescribed safety gear, and be supervised by a host parent/responsible adult.

Scuba Diving
Students must complete PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) or NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors) certified training course and be accompanied by a certified guide. (If student has already completed training course, he/she must provide proof of current certification and be accompanied by a responsible adult.) Students must follow safety guidelines and utilize prescribed protective gear.

Skiing/Snowboarding Outside Ski Resort Maintained Trails/Slopes
Students must complete appropriate training, use prescribed safety gear, follow advisory precautions on local conditions, and be supervised by host parent or a responsible adult.
Rappelling and Rock Climbing on Natural Formations
For all rappelling, rock climbing, and technical climbing, students must complete a training course and be accompanied by a certified instructor (if student has already completed a training course, he or she must provide proof of current certification and must be accompanied by a responsible adult). Students must follow safety guidelines and utilize prescribed protective gear.

B. DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES REQUIRING SUPPLEMENTAL MEDICAL INSURANCE, PERMISSION FORM, AND GUIDELINES

Spelunking
Students must be trained and accompanied by a certified guide, follow safety guidelines, and utilize prescribed protective gear.

White Water Rafting
Students must be trained and accompanied by a certified guide, follow safety guidelines, and wear prescribed protective gear, including a life jacket.

Riding in a Private Plane/Vehicle/Device for Aerial Navigation
The pilot must be properly licensed, local laws followed, and all prescribed safety measures in place. Natural parents must provide proof of medical insurance coverage.

C. PROHIBITED DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES

- Bungee jumping
- Hang gliding
- Parachute jumping
- Parasailing
- Water Skiing
- Piloting a private plane
- Mountaineering
- Racing by Horse
- Driving

PROHIBITED (even on private property): operation of vehicles including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), automobiles, snowmobiles, trucks, motorized trail bikes, go-carts, personal watercrafts, mopeds, motorcycles or snowmobiles.

Students are permitted to ride as passengers on the above vehicles provided they follow all local laws and safety precautions and are the vehicle is not racing BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THEY PERMITTED TO DRIVE. Students are not covered for injuries/death to themselves or others for accidents when they are driving a vehicle.