Online Resources: Program Expectations & Acknowledgement of Risk – Youth Participants

Supervision is the Responsibility of Guardians

Guardians must supervise and support their child when participating in a SuperNOVA Online program. The supervision provided should be at an age-appropriate level for a child working on an independent project. Guardians must be easily available if the child needs or wants a supportive adult. Participation in a SuperNOVA online program is not a substitute for guardian supervision.

Internet Use has Inherent Risks

In order to support remotely delivered student learning, these programs are being offered online. Internet use carries with it inherent risks. During this program, youth will access the internet and interact with other youth and instructors in a structured online environment. It is the responsibility of the guardian to structure their child’s internet access in an age-appropriate manner. We also encourage guardians to talk to their child about online privacy and responsible online engagement and behaviour.

Privacy and security are not guaranteed for virtual sessions. Third party video platforms may collect personal information of participants, and the use of such platforms includes additional security risks that may include: sessions being “hacked”; targeted harassment of participants and/or displays of disturbing and/or illegal content; and unauthorized video or audio or image recordings of your child by unknown parties as a result of such security breaches. While SuperNOVA instructors make efforts to help reduce the risk of unauthorized access by non-SuperNOVA personnel, we cannot guarantee participants’ safety or security.

We will not be responsible for damages or losses associated with a data breach or loss of privacy resulting from use of these third-party platforms. By registering for Dalhousie’s SuperNOVA programs, you agree that you understand and accept the risks inherent with using online resources. Please be aware that participants may use Blackboard, Microsoft Teams, or Google platforms to access SuperNOVA online programs, please refer to the privacy statement for more information: https://www.supernova.dal.ca/camps#policies-intro.

Sessions May be Recorded for Safety and Training Purposes

To protect the safety of participants and Instructors, online sessions may be recorded. With the exception of photos and videos taken for promotional purposes, recordings will only be accessed as necessary by Dalhousie staff for training purposes or as part of an incident review process, and will be deleted within 6 months of the conclusion of the course.

Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Risks

Please type your name below to acknowledge that:

I have reviewed the description of the SuperNOVA at Dalhousie University program, and I have sufficiently informed myself about the nature of the activities involved. I acknowledge and accept that there is some risk involved in my child’s participation in the program, including but not limited to risks associated with cyber security and data breaches, and I acknowledge and accept these risks. I am aware that my child may use Blackboard, Microsoft Teams, or Google platforms to access
SuperNOVA online programs. I consent to the collection and use of personal information as needed by Blackboard and Google for administering programming. I confirm that I understand I am responsible at all times for supervising my child during their participation in these online activities. I agree to be solely responsible for any harm or injury of any kind sustained by my child, unless such loss, damage or injury was caused by sole negligence of Dalhousie University, its employees or agents. I understand that if my child fails to comply with the expectations for behaviour or is disruptive to others, this may result in my child being suspended and/or removed from the program. I give permission to have photos and videos taken of my child during the program, which may then be used for promotional purposes by Dalhousie and its affiliates.

SuperNOVA at Dalhousie University Consent for Video Use

Please type/sign your name below to acknowledge as follows:

I consent for my child to use video, voice and chat functions within the Dalhousie University approved eLearning tools for access to online programming as offered by SuperNOVA at Dalhousie University. No recordings will be made of any SuperNOVA programs within Dalhousie University approved eLearning tools. The eLearning tools used include Microsoft Teams, Collaborate Ultra, and other eLearning tools as they may be approved for use by Dalhousie University from time to time. A list of eLearning tools that may be used can be viewed by visiting https://www.dal.ca/dept/elearning/tools.html.

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Name of Child: _______________________________
Signature: __________________________________

Date: ______________________________________