

**PARENT PERMISSION LETTER
BLUE WATER FOUNDATION SAILING TRIPS**

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been invited on a sailing trip on the San Francisco Bay sponsored by The School Health Programs Department, the Blue Water Foundation and the San Francisco Police Department.

The Blue Water Foundation is an all volunteer nonprofit corporation and has made available sail boats and experienced captains/sailors at no cost to participants. A certified school staff member will be on board and often a San Francisco police officer will also be on board. The foundation does not require that your child be able to swim while on the sail and all students will be required to wear a life jacket for the entire trip.

While precautions will be taken to ensure a safe trip, students and parents/guardians agree to waive any and all rights to file a lawsuit or otherwise claim damages for death or injury against the Blue Water Foundation, the foundation's officer's, directors, and/or members, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Unified School District, and the owners and operators of the vessels, whether or not said vessels and owners are part of the foundation or are third parties who have agreed to provide their private vessel for use by the foundation.

Students will leave the school site at approximately 10:30 am and be transported to the San Francisco marina. After the sail, students will be dismissed to either return to the school or to return home.

Students should bring warm clothing, gloves, sunscreen and a hat. Please do not wear black soled shoes.

This letter and the attached San Francisco Unified School District permission slips must both be signed and returned to _____ by _____ for your child to participate. To ensure a full boat, more students were given permission slips than can be taken on the trip. Therefore, those students returning permission slips first will be selected.

Any disputes concerning this release shall be resolved by mediation and, if such mediation is unsuccessful, by binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association at San Francisco, California.

Sincerely,

Name of Child _____ School _____

Emergency Contact & Phone Number _____

I give permission for my child to go on the aforementioned sailing trip. I hereby waive any right to sue or otherwise make claim for damages against the Blue Water Foundation, its officers, directors and members, the SFPD, the SFUSD, and the owners and operators of the vessels resulting from my child's participation in the Blue Water Foundation sailing trip. I understand that boating and sailing involve some risk, but still give my child permission to attend the trip described above.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature