

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY/Tanzania: Conserving East Africa's Biodiversity  
Summer 2008**

**RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of my participation in Samford University's Conserving East Africa's Biodiversity in Tanzania, I, the undersigned, hereby release, discharge and covenant to hold harmless Samford University, its trustees, officers, employees, agents, advisors or any one or more of them, or their executors, administrators, heirs or assigns (the "said parties") from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action, present or future, on account of injuries to my person or property, and even injuries resulting in my death, arising out of or in connection with my participation in the Tanzania Program. I intend for this release and indemnity agreement to protect the said parties from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action, present or future, of my parents or guardian, my estate, my spouse, if I am married or any other person or entity, on account of injuries to my person or property, and even injuries resulting in my death.

I agree and understand that Samford University considers the Tanzania Program to be an extension of its campus program, and therefore, the normal rules and regulations governing academics and behavior that are applicable on the Samford University campus are applicable to me during the period of foreign travel and study. I further understand that students participating in the Tanzania Program are expected to exercise good judgement in planning their time, in maintaining good conduct and in continuing their educational pursuits.

I have been advised that the culture, and the legal, political, governmental, and religious systems in Tanzania are in many respects quite unlike those of the United States of America and that I need to educate myself about, and to be sensitive to, the laws, customs, and mores of Tanzania and of any other country which I may visit as part of my participation in the Tanzania Program.

I acknowledge my responsibility to check for travel warnings by the U.S. Department of State at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html). Information about Tanzania can be found at <http://www.state.gov/p/af/ci/tz/>. Information about other countries can be found at <http://www.state.gov/countries/>.

I also acknowledge that I can obtain important information about safe practices as well as unsafe practices at many internet sites, including <http://www.globaled.us/>. I acknowledge that part of the educational value of a study abroad program is learning about the risks of foreign travel and learning about risk management. I can check the latest health information with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia at <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx>. This website will provide the most recent health advisories, immunization recommendations or requirements, and advice on food and drinking water safety for regions and countries.

In making my decision to travel abroad, I am not relying on assurances of safety from Samford University, but rather I am making my decision based on my own research as well as the advice and counsel of my family, friends, and resources of my choice.

In further consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Tanzania Program, I, for myself and for my executors, personal representatives, heirs and assigns, hereby assume full responsibility for the risks, foreseen or unforeseen, of property damage, injuries, or death while participating in the aforementioned activity. I further agree to indemnify said parties for and to hold them forever harmless from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action, present or future, that may accrue to any person or entity as a result of any property damage, injuries, or death, that may occur to me or that may be caused by me as a

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result of my participation in the Tanzania Program.

It is hereby further agreed: that no promise or agreement not herein expressed has been made; that this Release and Indemnity Agreement is not executed in reliance upon any statement or representation made by said parties, or any of them, or by any person employed by or representing them, or any of them: that said consideration is the sole and only consideration for this Release and Indemnity Agreement. The terms hereof are contractual and not mere recitals.

This Release and Indemnity Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. I sign the same as my own free act.**

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Participant's Name (print or type)

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Participant's Signature

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Parent's Name (print or type)

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Parent's Signature

Original – International Studies Office

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