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Community Spaces Permission Form

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

This is a permission form for your child(ren) to travel to a variety of defined community spaces that are located near our school.

Our classes are in an ideal location with many nearby facilities such as tennis courts, softball diamonds, green spaces, bike paths and outdoor rinks, for access to fantastic community spaces that enrich our school-based programs. Therefore, we consider these spaces as extensions of our immediate campus. We have defined these **Community Spaces A to G** (refer to Table 1 and map) to ensure we can implement similar instructional considerations relative to the typical onsite classroom considerations (e.g. communication with school, emergency preparedness, etc). Teachers will carry first aid kits, cell phones, student’s medical information and will let the office know which space they will be travelling to.

We have identified the following three levels of Community Spaces appropriate for different class settings:

*****Parents must initial each and every line that applies to their child*****

Table 1. Approved community space areas for Westmount Charter School students

Levels	Description	User Groups	Parent Initial
Level 1. Common Areas (A-E)	Utilized by Classrooms to provide outdoor space for curricular connections as well as Daily Physical Activity for our entire school. These spaces will be regarded as “on-site,” requiring the same level of staff supervision as a typical classroom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Students 	_____
Level 2. Specialized Loop (F)	Utilized by Outdoor Ed, Grade 7 Mobile Classroom, Grade 7-12 Phys Ed . Use of this loop will require a 1:10 adult to student ratio.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Education Mobile Classroom (Grade 7 only) Physical Education: Grade 7-12 	_____ _____ _____
Level 3. Specialized Loop: Extended (G)	Utilized by Outdoor Ed/ Grade 7 Mobile Classroom only with a 1:10 adult to student ratio.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor Education Mobile Classroom (Grade 7 only) 	_____ _____

Students may walk, bike or nordic ski to these venues and will follow the recommendations provided by the *Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools (July 2008)*. There will not be a defined schedule for trips to these locations; however parents will be able to access their children in the same manner as if they were on the immediate school grounds through communication with the office.

It is important that your child participate safely and comfortably in the above Community Spaces as they would during onsite activities. In your child’s best interests, we recommend the following:

- a) An annual medical examination
- b) Appropriate attire for safe participation (T-shirt, shorts or track pants and running shoes). Hanging jewellery must not be worn. Jewellery which cannot be removed and which presents a safety concern must be covered with tape.
- c) The wearing of an eyeglass band and/or shatterproof lenses if your child wears glasses that cannot be removed during activity.
- d) The wearing of sun protection for all outdoor activities.
- e) Safety inspection at home of any equipment brought to school for personal use in activity (helmets, skates, etc).

By signing this permission form, you have read and understood this agreement and are aware that you are accepting the same conditions pertinent to on-campus activities (e.g. financial responsibility for any medial assistance) the staff of **WESTMOUNT CHARTER SCHOOL** may deem necessary for your child’s health and safety and also for any damage to third persons or their property that your child may cause. Finally, please remember to update your child’s medical status should it change throughout the year.

Please sign below to show that you have read the above information. Furthermore, your signature indicates that you give permission for your child to travel to the identified **Community Spaces (A-G)** locations.

Name of student:		
Signature of student:		Date:
Name of parent/guardian:		Contact #:
Signature of parent/guardian:		Date:

Community Spaces Descriptions:

LEVEL 1: A-E: All students

A: South Field Treed Area:

- Semi treed area connected to south end of our field.
- Hazards: Some uneven terrain, no road crossings are required.

B: Uxbridge Community Greenspace:

- Small community park one block from school through residential
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, traffic (30-40 km/hr)

C: West Campus Natural Park:

- Paved Bike path through natural park around duck pond. Could be used for biking, running, orienteering etc. Amphitheater for outdoor class overlooking pond.
- Accessible through residential only. 5 minute walk.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, water, traffic (30-40 km/hr)

D: U of C campus:

- Established 5 Km xc running loop, travelling to U of C facilities where contract instructors will provide 1:10 supervision ratio
- Accessible through residential and one set of lights to cross 24th ave. 5 Minute walk.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, traffic (30-50 km/hr)

E: Father David Bauer Facilities:

- Tennis and Beach volleyball courts
- Accessible through residential and one set of lights to cross University ave. 10 minute walk.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, traffic (30-50 km/hr)

LEVEL 2: F: Outdoor Ed, Mobile Classroom, Phys Ed: Grade 7-12

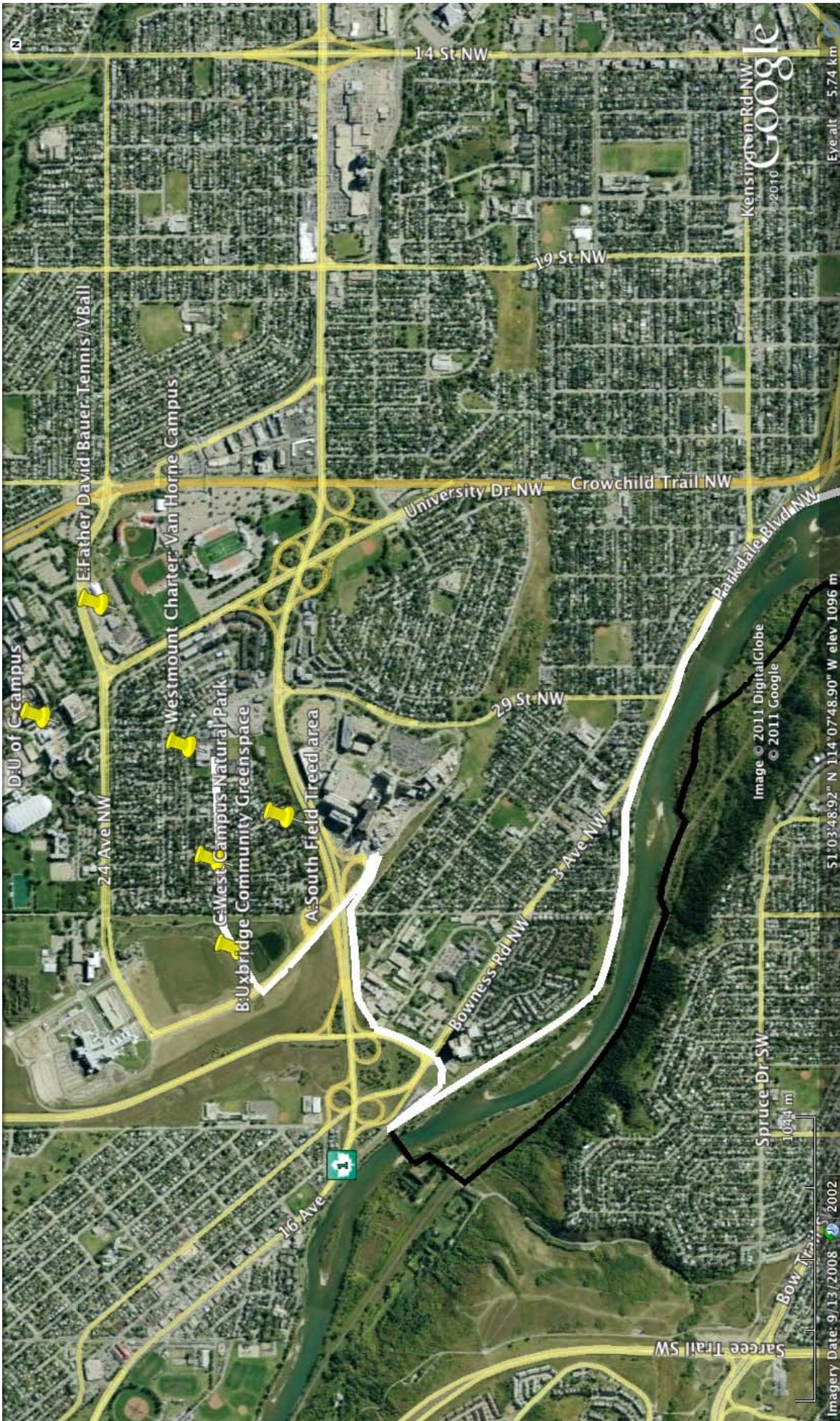
F: Community Bike Loop: (white line on map)

- Paved bike path separate from all roads that leads from the West Campus Natural Park down to the bike lane that runs parallel with Parkdale Blvd. The section between Edworthy Bridge and Crowchild bridge would be an excellent loop for cycling in PE, Outdoor Ed and any other class that would use the Mobile Classroom while still keeping students within a safe and manageable radius from the school.
- Accessible through residential and crossing one pedestrian crosswalk on West Campus Blvd and then one set of lights on Bowness Rd.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, other cyclists, traffic (30-50 km/hr)

LEVEL 3: G: Outdoor Ed/Mobile Classroom

G: Douglas Fir Bike loop: (black line on map)

- Large natural area with paved bike loop. Would be used for Outdoor Ed and Mobile Classroom only. Extends beyond the Community Bike Loop by crossing the Edworthy foot bridge and the Crowchild foot bridge.
- Accessible as an extension of the Community Bike Loop. No additional roads are crossed.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, water, trees, other cyclists, traffic (30-50 km/hr)



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14 St NW

19 St NW

Kensington Rd NW
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Eye alt 5.74 km

E:Father David Bauer-Tennis/VBall

Westmount Charter-Van Horne Campus

D:U of C-campus

C:West Campus Natural Park

B:Uxbridge Community Greenspace

A:South Field-Treed area

University Dr NW

Crowchild Trail NW

Parkdale Blvd NW

29 St NW

Bowness Rd NW

3 Ave NW

51°03'48.92" N 114°07'48.90" W elev 1096 m

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Spruce Dr SW
1044 m

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16 Ave

Sargee Trail SW

Bow Trail SW

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