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## Be Ready Camp 2010 Permission Slip

It is with great pleasure that the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI) and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security (AL DHS) announce the fifth annual Be Ready Camp. This camp provides an opportunity for sixth graders across Alabama to become Youth Preparedness Delegates and carry the message of preparedness and safety to their schools, communities, and families.

This camp has been featured in international Homeland Security journals and received national media attention, including coverage from the Cable News Network (CNN). Additionally, the camp is considered a best practice by the White House and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The GFBCI and AL DHS will continue to invest in Alabama's future by hosting up to 180 students that will be in the sixth grade by September 2010. Be Ready Camp is held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama and is a five-day residential camp. Students will participate in a curriculum that includes emergency preparedness, introduction to survival and first aid, developing an emergency kit, creating a family disaster plan, water survival, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, triage, career exploration, and terrorism awareness. On the last night of camp students apply their skills and knowledge by working side-by-side with local first responders as they participate in a realistic mock disaster.

There is no charge or fee to attend Be Ready Camp. Meals and lodging will be provided; however your child will need transportation to and from camp the first and last day. In the past, Be Ready Camp has been considered an excused absence due to the education and training received at camp and also the outstanding and unique opportunity as acknowledged by Dr. Joseph B. Morton, State Superintendent of Education. It is, however, at the discretion of your principal to allow this as an excused absence and it is your responsibility to request this excused absence from the principal prior to attending Be Ready Camp.

All of the activities and costs supporting the camp are provided with the only expense to the student being transportation to and from Huntsville. Students are selected through a competitive process which is explained in the enclosed paperwork. Once we confirm your interest, the GFBCI will provide the materials to distribute to your child(ren).

To confirm your child's interest in participating in Be Ready Camp, please fill out the form below. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Fussell at (334) 954-7440, via fax at (334) 242-2885, or [Brooke.Fussell@ServeAlabama.gov](mailto:Brooke.Fussell@ServeAlabama.gov).

**THIS SECTION MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN BEFORE SUBMISSION IS ACCEPTED.**

As the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
I have reviewed the information about Be Ready Camp, and hereby give my permission for the subject of this release to submit an entry to Be Ready Camp.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_