

Parent / Guardian Consent for Minor Membership

FishaCat Live W.A.T.C.H. - Weather Awareness Team Coordinating Hazards

IMPORTANT

This form is required before an applicant under 18 may become an active W.A.T.C.H. member. Membership is not approved until FishaCat Live confirms acceptance in writing.

1. Applicant and parent / guardian information

Applicant full name

Preferred community name

Date of birth

Applicant email

Home state only

Parent / guardian full name

Relationship to applicant

Parent / guardian email

Parent / guardian phone

2. Program purpose and role limits

W.A.T.C.H. is a volunteer community program supporting weather awareness, preparedness education, and respectful conversation. Members are not employees, emergency responders, official warning authorities, or representatives of a government agency. Membership does not authorize a participant to issue warnings, provide independent emergency instructions, or speak on behalf of FishaCat Live without specific approval.

- I understand that membership is voluntary and does not guarantee a role, schedule, moderation access, livestream appearance, or continued membership.
- I understand that any livestream or recorded appearance requires separate approval and, when applicable, a separate consent or media release.
- I understand that FishaCat Live may limit, pause, suspend, or end participation for safety, privacy, conduct, platform-policy, or program reasons.

Parent / Guardian Initials: _____

3. Communication and privacy safeguards

- Program communication with a minor will include the parent or guardian using the contact information listed above.
- The applicant will not be asked to privately message adult community members as part of W.A.T.C.H. participation.
- The applicant will use an approved first name, nickname, or community name and will not publish a school, home address, precise location, personal schedule, phone number, personal email, or private account.
- The parent / guardian will promptly notify FishaCat Live about unwanted contact, harassment, privacy concerns, or other safety issues related to participation.
- Application and guardian information is for membership review and safety communication and is not authorized for public display.

4. Member conduct and information standards

The applicant and parent / guardian have reviewed and agree to these expectations:

- Use official and trusted weather sources; clearly separate confirmed information from personal observations or questions.

- Never issue warnings, claim official authority, interfere with emergency communications, or tell viewers to disregard public-safety instructions.
- Communicate calmly and respectfully without harassment, discrimination, sexual content, threats, graphic material, or inappropriate language.
- Do not share private information, copyrighted material without permission, fabricated reports, rumors, or intentionally misleading content.
- Follow moderator and FishaCat Live directions and immediately stop an activity or communication when directed.
- Report safety concerns to the parent / guardian and FishaCat Live rather than attempting to investigate or resolve them privately.

5. Parent / guardian authorization

I am the applicant's parent or legal guardian and have authority to provide this permission. I have reviewed the W.A.T.C.H. program purpose, role limits, communication safeguards, and conduct rules with the applicant. I voluntarily authorize the applicant to participate as an approved minor W.A.T.C.H. member under these terms.

I understand that online community participation has privacy and interaction risks even when safeguards are used. I agree to remain involved in the applicant's participation, keep my contact information current, and communicate with FishaCat Live about concerns or changes affecting permission.

I may withdraw permission for future participation by notifying FishaCat Live. Withdrawal does not require removal of ordinary program records that FishaCat Live must retain for safety, review, or legal purposes, subject to applicable law and policy.

6. Consent decision

- I GIVE permission for the minor applicant named above to participate in the W.A.T.C.H. program under these terms.
- I DO NOT GIVE permission.

Parent / guardian signature

Printed name

Date signed

Applicant signature

Date signed

FishaCat Live review (staff use only)

Reviewed by

Review date

- Age eligibility and guardian identity reviewed
- Application and signed consent received
- Communication plan includes parent / guardian
- Approved for active W.A.T.C.H. membership

Assigned role: _____ Member ID: _____

Notes: _____