

CHIP PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC CHIP IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM PERMISSION AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

Child's Name: _____

I am a parent and natural guardian, or a legal guardian, of the child named above.

I understand that my child has an opportunity to participate in the CHIP program, a project of the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation. I wish for my child to participate.

Therefore, in consideration of the identification materials to be provided by the CHIP program, and intending to be legally bound, I agree to the following:

1. I have read the attached description of the CHIP program. I understand that all identification materials created for my child will become my property, and that no copies will be made or retained by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, or any other individual or agency.
2. The Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation may use candid photographs of my child participating in the CHIP program for the purposes of promoting the CHIP program and other Masonic activities. My child will not be identified by name or location in any such promotional materials.
3. I hereby waive, and release the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation, its officers, directors, agents, volunteers and employees from any claim for injury or damage to me or my child, and agree to hold them harmless from any claim, damage or cost arising directly or indirectly in connection with my child's participation in the CHIP program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

CHIP Location: _____

↑ Submit at event

Detach here

↓ Retain for your records

What is CHIP?

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC CHIP IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Child: _____

Event Date: _____

Location: _____

The possibility of a child becoming lost or separated from parents for an extended time could cause many sleepless nights. The Masonic CHIP program is the most comprehensive service of its kind, providing parents with identifying information they would need in the event their child ever goes missing. It is provided free of any charge to all participants. It also provides an opportunity to educate our children on safe practices, which will reduce the risk of prolonged separation.

CHIP consists of:



1. **A digital still photo and digital video interview** - Children are asked a series of questions to provide information in front of a height chart backdrop. The CHIP interview captures the appearance, speech, mannerisms, and other important personal characteristics of a child. It can be quickly distributed via the media to reach a huge audience and assist in the quick recovery of a missing child. (The picture and video are recorded onto a 3" mini-CD, compatible with the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System, and given to parent or guardian). It is the cornerstone of CHIP.
2. **Fingerprints** - Children's fingerprints are taken using a non-toxic ink. Fingerprint cards are given to the parent or guardian.
3. **DNA** - A DNA kit is provided to the parent or guardian to be completed at home. The DNA kit includes envelopes for 1. hair samples, 2. nail clippings, and 3. an oral swab for saliva sample.

All identification materials are given to the parent or guardian. No copies are kept or given to any individual, organization or government agency. The registration/permission form is the only documentation kept by CHIP, and is never given to anyone else for any reason.

For more information about CHIP, contact the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation at (800) 266-8424.

A completed permission form is required for your child to participate.

PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

(includes parental permission form)

1 (800) 266-8424



A Parent's Guide to

Pennsylvania Masons are Proud to Make CHIP Available to the Children and Families of Pennsylvania



Freemasonry is the world's oldest, largest and most widely known Fraternity. Its history and tradition date to antiquity. Its singular purpose is to make good men better. Masonic bonds of friendship, compassion and brotherly love have survived even the most divisive political, military and religious conflicts through the centuries.

The Freemasons of Pennsylvania are committed to serving their communities. In addition to CHIP, they founded and support the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation to build character and develop leadership skills among young men and women. Masons provide aid for education through several scholarship programs. They sponsor the training of trainers for the Commonwealth's mandatory Student Assistance Program and support the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) in their continuing service to mankind. The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children treat children afflicted with dyslexia free of charge. Shriners Hospitals are free of charge for children with orthopedic and burn problems.

There are several Masonic Villages offering both independent and assisted living facilities for senior citizens.

CHIP is administered by the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania.



For more information visit:

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