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SKAMANIA COUNTY AUDITOR  
J MICHAEL GARVISON  
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## SKAMANIA COUNTY CLAIM FOR DAMAGE FORM

**CLAIMANT:** THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED WITH THE

SKAMANIA COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE  
Skamania County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 790  
240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Room 27  
Stevenson, WA 98648

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

CLAIM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FILED: \_\_\_\_\_

COPIES TO: \_\_\_\_\_

NO DAMAGES CAN BE PAID BY SKAMANIA COUNTY UNLESS THIS FORM IS COMPLETE. THIS PROVISION CANNOT BE WAIVED.

ATTACHMENTS: YES( # ) NO

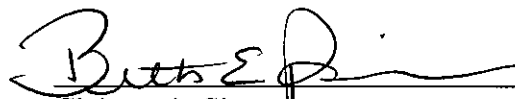
1. Name (including spouse if married): (Please Print)  
Beth E. Pinson, Britton T. Pinson (spouse)
2. 

<u>1000 N.E. 65<sup>th</sup> Street</u>	<u>Vancouver</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>98665</u>
Address	City	State	Zip
3. HM Phone: (360)891-1670 WK Phone: (360)891-7296 MSSG Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date and time of incident: On or about the evening of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
5. Location of incident:  
Camp WI-RI-KI, 17051 Washougal River Road, Washougal, WA 98671
6. Describe in narrative form and in detail exactly how the incident occurred:  
See attached and annexed Tort Claim Notice  
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7. What is the amount of damages claimed arising out of the following circumstances (Include estimates and bills, if available): See attached and annexed Tort Claim Notice  
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8. Please list name and address of any and all witnesses or persons involved:  
(Please Print)  
See attached and annexed Tort Claim Notice  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Describe the damages or injuries you sustained as a result of the incident: See attached and annexed Tort Claim Notice  
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10. Was incident investigated by a police officer? No. Sheriff N/A State Patrol N/A  
City N/A
11. If a vehicle was involved in the incident, describe: Make \_\_\_\_\_  
Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_
12. Describe what you did after the incident occurred: See attached and annexed Tort Claim Notice.  
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13. Describe the conversations you had, if any, with County personnel during or after the incident occurred. None known.  
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14. How did you identify the County as the party responsible for your damage?  
Skamania County owns the premises where Krysta Necole Pinson was injured.  
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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information contained in this claim is true and correct.

DATED THIS 4 DAY OF January, 2008

  
Claimant's Signature

File Name: Commis/Risk Mang/Claims/Claim For Damages

**NOTE:** Personal property (car, etc.) damages are to be accompanied by 2 estimates for repair costs. The Skamania County Risk Manager will investigate this claim. The decision to honor this claim will be based upon that investigation. Making a false report or providing false evidence is a crime and punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. Additional pages may be attached if needed to answer the questions.

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7 **Beth E. Pinson**, as Guardian of )  
8 the person and the Estate of )  
9 **Krysta Necole Pinson** (a minor); )  
10 **Britton T. Pinson**, )  
11 individually; and **Beth E.** )  
12 **Pinson**, individually. )

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14 Claimants, )  
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17 v. )

18 **Skamania County, a Washington**  
19 **State County** )

20 Respondent.  
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22 **COME NOW** claimants, and for their claims against the  
23 Respondent, Skamania County, a Washington State County, and  
24 allege and claim as follows:  
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**TORT CLAIM NOTICE  
FOR DAMAGES FOR PERSONAL  
INJURIES**

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1 I. Identification of Claimants

2 1.1 Claimants are as follows: Beth E. Pinson, as Guardian  
3 of the person and Estate of Krysta Necole Pinson;  
4 Britton T. Pinson, individually, and as father of  
5 Krysta Necole Pinson; and Beth E. Pinson, individually,  
6 and as mother of Krysta Necole Pinson.  
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8 1.2 Krysta Necole Pinson is a minor; her date of birth is  
9 November 29, 1994. Krysta Necole Pinson resides with  
10 her parents, Britton T. Pinson and Beth E. Pinson.  
11 Krysta Necole Pinson's father is Britton T. Pinson, and  
12 her mother is Beth E. Pinson. The actual residence of  
13 Krysta Necole Pinson, Britton T. Pinson, and Beth E.  
14 Pinson is 1000 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, Washington  
15 98665. This has been Krysta Necole Pinson, Britton T.  
16 Pinson, and Beth E. Pinson's residence since March,  
17 2005. Further, 1000 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver,  
18 Washington, 98665 was the actual residence of Krysta  
19 Necole Pinson, Beth E. Pinson, and Britton T. Pinson  
20 for a period of six months immediately prior to the  
21 time this claim arose, which was October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.  
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1 1.3 Krysta Necole Pinson's mother, Beth E. Pinson, was  
2 appointed as Guardian of the person and Estate of  
3 Krysta Necole Pinson on October 27, 2006, in Clark  
4 County Superior Court.  
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## 6 7 **II. Identification of Respondent**

8 2.1 The respondent is Skamania County, a County located in  
9 the State of Washington. Skamania County owns property  
10 at 17051 Washougal River Road, Washougal, Washington,  
11 98671. This camp is known as "Camp WA-RI-KI", and also  
12 known as "Camp WI-RI-KI", (hereafter referred to as  
13 "Camp WA-RI-KI") located in Skamania County,  
14 Washington, at 17051 Washougal River Road, Washougal,  
15 Washington, 98671. The Skamania County parcel number is  
16 02050000020100. This parcel is the subject of this  
17 Tort Claim Notice, and further is the property  
18 whereupon Krysta Necole Pinson suffered injuries.  
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## 20 **III. Facts of the Incident**

21 3.1 On or about October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in Skamania County,  
22 Washington, Image Elementary School hosted an overnight  
23 school camp. This camp facility is known as "Camp WA-  
24 RI-KI", also known as "Camp WI-RI-KI", (hereafter  
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1 referred to as "Camp WA-RI-KI") and is located in  
2 Skamania County, at 17051 Washougal River Road,  
3 Washougal, 98671, State of Washington.  
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5 3.2 On or about October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Krysta Necole Pinson was  
6 a student at Image Elementary School in the Evergreen  
7 School District and attended the overnight camp at Camp  
8 WA-RI-KI, located in Skamania County, Washington.  
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10 3.3 On or about October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at Camp WA-RI-KI, Krysta  
11 Necole Pinson was participating in an overnight camp  
12 with her elementary school. The children were  
13 instructed to bring a sleeping bag and a pillow for  
14 sleeping.  
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17 3.4 On or about October 10, 2005, Camp WA-RI-KI had bunk  
18 beds (two high, an upper bunk over a lower bunk) for  
19 the children to sleep upon. The mattresses of the bunk  
20 beds are covered with a thick plastic material. The  
21 plastic material used to cover the mattresses was both  
22 thick and slick. The bed railings on the bunks were of  
23 insufficient height and/or design to protect against a  
24 person sliding off of the bunk beds.  
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2 3.5 On or about October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Krysta Necole Pinson was  
3 sleeping on a bunk with the above-described plastic  
4 material covering the mattress at Camp WA-RI-KI.

5 Krysta Necole Pinson's sleeping bag slipped off of the  
6 top bunk in the middle of the night. Krysta Necole  
7 Pinson fell approximately four feet down to the  
8 concrete floor, landing on her head. Krysta Necole  
9 Pinson was knocked unconscious and suffered injuries.  
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12 3.6 Krysta Necole Pinson was awakened by an Evergreen  
13 School District Staff Member who told her she had  
14 fallen off the bed. Krysta Necole Pinson was  
15 instructed to go back to bed. Krysta Necole Pinson  
16 awoke later that night and reportedly felt that she was  
17 unable to move her extremities.  
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19 **IV. Additional Facts and Injuries**

20 4.1 Beth E. Pinson received a call at work on October 11,  
21 2005. She learned that Krysta Necole Pinson was  
22 injured. Beth E. Pinson contacted Mr. Ivan Beer and  
23 Mrs. Loydene Beer, Krysta Necole Pinson's Grandfather  
24 and Grandmother. Beth E. Pinson asked Ivan and Loydene  
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1 to go pick Krysta Necole Pinson up from Camp WA-RI-KI  
2 and take her home. Mr. Ivan Beer and Mrs. Loydene  
3 Beer are both residents of Clark County.  
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5 4.2 Krysta Necole Pinson's mother, Beth E. Pinson, called  
6 the Kaiser Permanente Advice line. A representative of  
7 Kaiser contacted Krysta Necole Pinson's grandparents  
8 directly by phone and instructed them to take Krysta  
9 Necole Pinson to the Emergency Room Department at  
10 Southwest Washington Medical Center, which they did.  
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13 4.3 At Southwest Washington Medical Center, Krysta Necole  
14 Pinson was treated by Dr. Peter Stich, M.D., who  
15 diagnosed her with a Occipital Skull Fracture and  
16 internal head injuries.  
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18 4.4 Krysta Necole Pinson was transported by ambulance to  
19 Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon on  
20 October 11, 2005.  
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22 4.5 Krysta Necole Pinson arrived at Doernbecher Children's  
23 Hospital and was evaluated by Dr. Ritu Sahni, M.D. Dr.  
24 Sahni diagnosed Krysta Necole Pinson with extra-axial  
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1 bleeding with right occipital skull basal fracture.  
2 Krysta Necole Pinson was admitted to Intensive Care  
3 unit for clinical observation. Krysta Necole Pinson  
4 stayed at Doernbecher Children's Hospital until October  
5 12, 2005. Krysta Necole Pinson was discharged with a  
6 school note and special instructions limiting her  
7 activities.  
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10 4.6 Krysta Necole Pinson incurred medical bills in the  
11 amount of \$16,896.06, as a proximate result of the  
12 injuries sustained at the outdoor camp at Camp WA-RI-  
13 KI, as earlier set out in this Tort Claim Notice.  
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#### 15 16 V. Liability

17 5.1 That at the time and place of the above-described fall  
18 off of the bed, Respondent, Skamania County, was  
19 negligent and/or liable in one or more of the following  
20 ways:  
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- 22 a. Failing to exercise ordinary care;  
23 b. Failing to provide safe sleeping arrangements  
24 and/or safe conditions for Krysta Necole Pinson;  
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- 1 c. Having bunk bed designs that did not comply with  
2 national standards for protection of children up  
3 to 15 years old,;
- 4 d. Having bunk beds that were not suitable for school  
5 age users because of the hazards due to design  
6 issues;
- 7 e. Making modifications to bunk beds by changing  
8 mattress size resulting in increase in the risk to  
9 user of falling from upper bunks;
- 10 f. Having bunk beds that lacked required labeling to  
11 indicate proper mattress size that lead to wrong  
12 mattress being used on bunk;
- 13 g. Having bunks with modifications of mattress that  
14 increased danger to user of slipping and sliding  
15 from upper bunk;
- 16 h. Failure to conduct an inspection to assure bunk  
17 beds were suitable for this age user;
- 18 i. Failure to conduct an inspection to assure bunk  
19 beds complied with national standards;
- 20 j. Failure to restrict, limit, warn or instruct on  
21 the use of certain types of sleeping bags for the  
22 upper bunks;  
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- 1 k. Failure to protect and/or warn invitees and/or  
2 licensees from reasonably foreseeable risks of  
3 harm; and/or  
4 1. Failure to warn and/or correct a latent dangerous  
5 condition on the premises.  
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8 **VI. Damages**

9 6.1 That as a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of  
10 Respondent, Skamania County's negligence and/or  
11 liability, as alleged in this Claim, it has been  
12 necessary for The Estate of Krysta Necole Pinson,  
13 Krysta Necole Pinson, and/or her parents, Britton T.  
14 Pinson and Beth E. Pinson to incur medical attention  
15 and expenses, and to incur travel and other expenses in  
16 securing medical treatment. The Estate of Krysta Necole  
17 Pinson, Krysta Necole Pinson, and/or her parents,  
18 Britton T. Pinson and Beth E. Pinson, have incurred  
19 medical bills in the amount of \$16,896.06, as a  
20 proximate result of the negligence of Skamania County,  
21 as earlier set out in this Tort Claim Notice.  
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1 6.2 That as a direct, proximate, and foreseeable result of  
2 Respondent, Skamania County's negligence as alleged in  
3 this Claim, Krysta Necole Pinson has incurred physical  
4 handicap and/or disability in connection with her usual  
5 activities, and has suffered injury, pain, suffering,  
6 disfigurement, and an impairment of ability to enjoy  
7 life. By reason of the matters alleged in this Tort  
8 Claim Notice, Krysta Necole Pinson and/or The Estate of  
9 Krysta Necole Pinson has suffered general damages in  
10 the amount of \$75,000.00;  
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13 6.3 Britton T. Pinson and Beth E. Pinson, as parents of  
14 Krysta Necole Pinson, have suffered damages under RCW  
15 4.24.010. By reason of the matters alleged in this Tort  
16 Claim Notice, Britton T. Pinson has suffered damages in  
17 an amount of \$10,000.00 and Beth E. Pinson has suffered  
18 damages in an amount of \$10,000.00;  
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16 STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
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17 County of Clark )

21 As the Guardian of the person and Estate of Krysta  
22 Necole Pinson, minor child, and/or individually, I am  
23 the Claimant in the above action; I have read the

1 foregoing TORT CLAIM NOTICE, know the contents thereof,  
2 and believe the same to be true and correct.

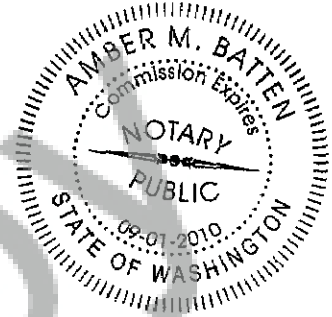
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5 Beth E. Pinson  
6 Beth E. Pinson

1-4-08 Vancouver WA  
Date and Place Signed

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8 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 4 day of  
January, 2008.

9 Amber M. Batten  
Amber M. Batten

10 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the state of  
11 Washington, residing in Vancouver, Washington.  
My Commission Expires: 09-01-2010



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15 STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
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17 County of Clark )

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19 I, Britton T. Pinson, being first duly sworn upon oath  
20 depose, certify and declare under penalty of perjury  
under the laws of the State of Washington as follows:

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22 As the Father of Krysta Necole Pinson, minor child,  
23 and/or individually, I am the Claimant in the above  
24 action; I have read the foregoing TORT CLAIM NOTICE,  
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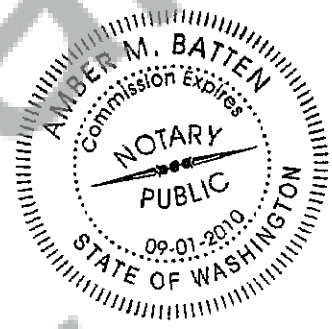
3 *Britton T. Pinson*  
4 Britton T. Pinson

1-4-08 Vancouver, WA  
Date and Place signed

5 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 4 day of  
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STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
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County of Clark )

I, Grant A. Gehrman, being first duly sworn upon oath  
depose, certify and declare under penalty of perjury  
under the laws of the State of Washington as follows:

I, Grant A. Gehrman, Attorney for Krysta Necole  
Pinson, an incapacitated minor, Date of Birth November  
29, 1994, and for Beth E. Pinson as Guardian of the  
person and Estate of Krysta Necole Pinson, (A Minor),

1 Beth E. Pinson, Individually, and Britton T. Pinson,  
2 Individually. I have read the foregoing TORT CLAIM  
3 NOTICE, know the contents thereof, and believe the same  
4 to be true and correct.  
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6 *Grant A. Gehrmann*  
7 Grant A. Gehrmann, WSBA #21867  
8 Attorney for Claimants

1-4-08 Vancouver, WA  
Date and Place Signed

9 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 4 day of  
10 January, 2008.

11 *Amber M. Batten*  
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