

WILD GUYde Adventures AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

In agreeing to participate in this *WILD GUYde Adventure* experience, ***I recognize*** that the activities of **hiking, canoeing, caving, and rock climbing** might involve some or all of the following:

- Strenuous travel in rugged natural terrain
- Load carrying (for myself and others)
- Route-finding and navigation challenges in remote areas
- Climbing, crawling, swimming, and walking in places that are high, dark, cold, wet, exposed, or constricted
- Access to advanced medical care that is limited, delayed, or completely absent

I also acknowledge that certain dangers and risks exist. These include, but are not limited to emotional discomfort or bodily injury or death from:

- Equipment failure
- Drowning; water that is fast, cold, or deep
- Human error or negligence
- Weather-related disaster (lightning, cold, heat, high wind, etc.)
- Slips, falls, and other gravity-related mishaps (loose rocks, unstable terrain, treacherous trails)
- Accident while traveling to or from activity sites
- Assault by creatures of nature (snakes, insects, rodents, etc.)

I understand that types of injuries and discomforts may include but are not limited to:

- Minor or major bone fracture
- Scrapes, abrasions, lacerations
- Muscle, tendon, or ligament strains or sprains
- Allergic reactions, sickness or disease
- Illnesses and infections
- Burns (cooking, rope)
- Head or body bumps and bruises
- Hypothermia and frostbite
- Heat-related conditions (heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn)

I acknowledge the need to follow instructions, to obey rules, to learn thoroughly the practices and precautions of the various activities, and to participate in holding group members accountable to those practices.

I also acknowledge the need for specialized equipment (see equipment and clothing list), and am prepared to outfit myself accordingly. Furthermore, ***I have honestly disclosed*** to *WILD GUYde Adventures* any relevant physical or medical conditions (via the Medical Form).

My signature below indicates my understanding of the inherent risks in this experience, and my continued willingness to participate.

Name (print)

Signature (**parent** if participant is under 18)

Date

Staff Review (initials and dates): _____