



RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT



***This document affects your legal rights:
Read BOTH PAGES carefully before signing.***

In consideration of the permission to participate in the Activities (defined below), I agree to the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement").

1. ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS: I have chosen to voluntarily participate in wilderness medical training conducted by the National Outdoor Leadership School ("NOLS") in cooperation with Recreational Equipment, Inc. ("REI"). Courses will be taught in classroom and outdoor settings, including wilderness terrain, under all weather conditions teaching students guidelines for stabilizing, treating, and evacuating patients in backcountry and wilderness environments ("Activities").

Activities may be strenuous, both physically and emotionally. They may occur on lands or property open to the public. Hospital facilities, qualified medical care, and emergency medical evacuation may be limited or unavailable during portions of the course. Physical activities include, but are not limited to, walking, running, and hiking; repetitive lifting and carrying; playing the role of patient, and being touched and handled. At times students will be in close physical proximity to one another or instructors. Risks from physical activities may include falling, being dropped, overexertion, unwelcomed touch, emotional distress, accidental needle stick, equipment failure, injuries due to lack of fitness or conditioning, instructor misjudgment or negligence. Environmental hazards include falling and rolling rocks, foot travel on uneven and possibly rugged terrain, weather that can become extreme without notice, river currents, and hostile or disease-carrying wildlife or insects. Injuries from these hazards may include communicable disease exposure, allergen exposure, wounds, head injuries, sprains, strains or fractures, hypothermia, sunburn, heat illness, or drowning. REI and NOLS assume no responsibility for providing medical care during the Activities and I will pay all costs for any medical care and/or evacuation.

2. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS: I hereby freely assume the above-mentioned inherent risks and any other inherent or non-inherent risks, that may cause harm, injury, illness, disability, death, or other loss to me or my property as a result of my participation in the Activities or during any transportation to or from the Activities. I also understand that any equipment that I provide or borrow from REI, NOLS, or any other provider I use at my own risk and that any such equipment is provided "AS IS" without any warranty about its condition or suitability. For activities that occur on National Park Service land and to the extent required by law, the above assumption of risks is limited to assuming only the inherent risks.

3. RELEASE OF LIABILITY: I hereby release and agree not to sue REI and NOLS, their contractors, the providers of any equipment used in the Activities, municipal or governmental providers of use permits, and their respective employees, officers, trustees, and directors (the "Released Parties") **from all liabilities, causes of action, claims, and demands that arise in any way from any injury, illness, death, loss, or harm that occurs to me**, to any other person or to any property during the Activities, or in any way related to the Activities, or during any free time, including during transportation to or from the Activities. This release includes claims for the negligence of the Released Parties and claims for strict liability for abnormally dangerous activities. This release does not extend to claims for gross negligence, intentional or reckless misconduct, or any other liabilities that Washington law does not permit to be released by agreement.

4. INDEMNIFICATION HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFENSE: I promise to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Released Parties (defined in Section 3) against any and all claims to which Section 3 of this Agreement applies, including claims for their own negligence. I also promise to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Released Parties against any and all claims for my own negligence, and any other claim arising from my conduct during the Activities. In accordance with these promises, I will reimburse the Released Parties for any damages, reasonable settlements, and defense costs, including attorney's fees, that they incur because of any

such claims made against them. I agree that in the event of my death or disability, the terms of this Agreement, including the indemnification obligation in this Section, will be binding on my estate, and my personal representative, executor, administrator, or guardian will be obligated to respect and enforce them.

5. SUPERVISION and AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS: REI and NOLS do not supervise students other than during class times and I accept the risks that arise from this unsupervised free time. I agree to follow the instructions for the Activities provided to me and to follow directions given to me by the leaders of the Activities.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS: I acknowledge that REI and NOLS do not control each other and thus neither assumes responsibility for the actions of the other and/or any independent contractors providing any services for the Activities.

7. USE OF MY LIKENESS: I understand that during the Activities I may be photographed or videoed. To the fullest extent allowed by law, I waive all rights of publicity or privacy, pre-approval, or compensation that I have for any such likeness of me or use of my name in connection with such likeness, and I grant to REI, NOLS and its assigns permission to copyright, use, and publish (including by electronic means) such likeness of me, whether in whole or part, in any form, without restrictions, and for any purpose.

8. AUTHORIZATION TO CONTACT: I authorize REI or NOLS to notify me at any time about recertification classes.

9. SEVERABILITY: I agree that the purpose of this Agreement is that it shall be an enforceable agreement with a RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Washington law. I agree that if any portion or provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder will continue in full force and effect. I also agree that any invalid provision will be modified or partially enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law to carry out the purpose of the agreement.

10. APPLICABLE LAW, FORUM & ATTORNEY'S FEES: This Agreement is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, without any reference to its choice of law rules. I agree that any dispute arising from this Agreement or in any way associated with the Activities shall be brought only in the Superior Court of King County, in Seattle, Washington, or in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, and I agree to the jurisdiction and venue of those courts for any such dispute. If I contest the validity of this Agreement and do not prevail, I agree to pay all attorneys' fees and costs of REI or NOLS in litigation.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT BY READING IT BEFORE SIGNING IT. NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS, OR OTHER INDUCEMENTS TO SIGN THIS RELEASE HAVE BEEN MADE APART FROM WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT. **I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A CONTRACT THAT GIVES UP MY LEGAL RIGHTS** AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

If participant is under 18 years of age (or if participant is a resident of Alabama and under 19 years of age) (or if participant is a resident of Mississippi and under 21 years of age), signature of parent or responsible adult is also required.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Name Printed: _____ Date of birth: _____

In consideration of the minor child being permitted to participate in the Activities, I accept and agree to the full contents of this Agreement for myself and on behalf of the minor child. I certify that I have the authority to sign on behalf of the minor child and to make decisions for the minor child regarding this Activities. I agree, in addition to the language above, the **RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, and INDEMNITY provisions** (defined in Sections 3 and 4) apply to any claims brought by or on behalf of the minor child and to any claims that result from the minor child's acts or omissions. This includes any claim arising from the negligence of the Released Parties. I understand that nothing in this Agreement is intended to release claims for gross negligence, intentional, or reckless misconduct, or any other liabilities that Washington law does not permit to be released by agreement.

Parent/Responsible Adult Signature: _____

Name Printed: _____

Relationship: _____ Date: _____