New Mexico State University
Outdoor Recreation

Informed Consent / Assumption of Risk Form

Specific Event: ___________________________ Specific Date(s): ___________________________

In the interest of leading you in outdoor adventure activities we ask you to join in this contract. For your safety, we want you to understand the risks involved with this activity and to assume responsibility for participation in spite of these risks.

**YOU MAY CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IF YOU DECIDE THE LEVEL OF RISK IS TOO HIGH.**

Participation in outdoor adventure activities exposes one to many potential hazards, including the potential for severe injury and even death. The Outdoor Recreation Program Staff strives to manage these risks but many risks are beyond the control of the Outdoor Recreation Program Staff. Some of the inherent dangers and risks that may be present or occur include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Accidents, illness, or other problems in remote places without cell phones, other means of communication, or easy access to medical facilities.
- Travel in a vehicle driven by a person other than myself.
- Forces of nature including lightning, storms, wind, rain, snow, ice, cold, heat, weather changes, and water level changes.
- Wounds and injuries to skin, organs, muscles, joints, and bones.
- Injuries inflicted by animals, plants, UV-rays, or other natural forces.
- Physical exertion associated with the movements involved with outdoor adventure activities that can cause fatigue, soreness, joint stiffness, and blisters.
- Exposure to natural and man-made fire.
- Problems due to defects in manufacturer's products or arising from the improper use of products.
- Potential problems associated with backcountry navigation.
- Hazards related to water include wading, swimming, or capsizing into water containing cold temperatures, rocks, trees, current, rapids, re-circulating holes, waterfalls, man-made objects, or other obstacles in the water. This can result in hypothermia, injury, entrapment, or drowning.

I willingly choose to participate in this Outdoor Recreation Program activity and I am solely responsible for that decision. I choose to participate in spite of the named risks and other unnamed risks that are inherent in these activities. While on this trip, I am solely responsible for deciding what personal equipment to take. I understand that New Mexico State University does not carry medical insurance for the protection of participants involved in Outdoor Recreation Program activities and therefore I am responsible for my own medical insurance.

I am informed about and assume the above named risks as well as countless unnamed risks. I realize that the Outdoor Recreation Program Staff cannot totally control these risks. I understand that I am responsible for my own decision-making and subsequent actions. **I AGREE TO OBEY ALL TRIP SAFETY POLICIES.**

I grant the New Mexico State University Outdoor Recreation Program the right to use, for promotional purposes, any photographs taken of me during my participation in outdoor recreation activities.

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