

## NPS Visitor Acknowledgment of Risk

In consideration of the services of **Sierra Club** their officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (hereafter collectively referred to as "**Sierra Club**") I agree as follows:

Although **Sierra Club** has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, **Sierra Club** has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. **Sierra Club** does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks: **slipping, falling, being struck by or striking objects, persons or the ground; improper or malfunctioning equipment or structures; disease-carrying or poisonous plants, insects, or animals; and physical contact with other participants.**

**I am aware that this activity, which may include but is not limited to hiking, backpacking, skiing, snowboarding, and/or snowshoeing on and off trail); camping, including cooking over stoves, open fires or by other means; ropes and/or challenge courses; rock, ice, wall or tower climbing; team-building activities; water activities including flat water or whitewater boating, rafting, canoeing, or kayaking; ocean sailing or sea kayaking; surfing, snorkeling, SCUBA diving, or swimming; river crossings; horseback riding; tubing (snow or water); bicycling (including mountain biking); mountaineering (snow, glacier, or ice travel or travel at high altitude); vehicle travel; and service projects that may involve using power tools, entails risks of injury or death to any participant.** I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury or death.

I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary; no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks. I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of **Sierra Club** has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death, or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my negligence in participating in this activity.

I have carefully read, clearly understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate and for all members of my family, including minor children.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent of Guardian, if participant is under 18 years of age

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_