Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk – Rockclimbing

Welcome to the CORE program. In the interest to permit CORE to exist and to serve the outdoor recreation community without fear of liability, we ask that you join in this contract. The first part is for you to acknowledge that you understand the risks involved in this outdoor activity and the second part is a release of liability. Your signature below indicates your understanding that the terms “outdoor activity” or “activity” encompass all aspects of the activity, including preliminary and subsequent matters, such as, but not limited to, getting outfitted for the activity, maintaining, repairing, transporting, loading or unloading equipment, and travel to and from the activity site. If, after reading this waiver you decide not to participate, please contact the CORE office.

I understand and accept that hiking and rock climbing expose me to numerous unknown and unanticipated risk which could result in personal injury, death or damage to my property or myself. Some of the risks or factors creating risk includes but is not limited to the following:

- the hazards of traveling in rough and rocky terrain;
- hiking or walking in rugged terrain including slippery rocks;
- rope abrasion, entanglement and other injuries resulting from activities revolving around climbing, including but not limited to climbing, belaying, rappelling, lowering on rope, rescue systems, and any other rope techniques;
- injuries resulting from falling climbers or dropped items, including, but not limited to ropes, rocks, or climbing hardware;
- land hazards including boulders, trees, and other obstacles;
- using harnesses, ropes and other climbing equipment;
- failure of ropes, slings, harnesses, helmets, climbing hardware, anchor points, or any part of the belay or anchor system;
- injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles or plants;
- cuts, abrasions, bruises, contusions, breaks resulting from skin contact or impact with the rock face;
- concussions, broken bones, paralyzation and even death;
- accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities and with evacuation difficulties;
- man-made objects on the trail including but not limited to bridge pilings and metal junk;
- the forces of nature including lighting, weather changes, and others not named;
- my physical condition, the physical exertion associated with hiking and rock climbing;
- travel in a vehicle not driven by me,
- psychological stress associated with the aforementioned risks or witnessing the injury or death of another participant.

I agree to accept and assume all responsibility for and risk of personal injury, illness, death or damage to myself or my property arising from my participation in this climbing activity. I understand these risks are inherent to climbing. My participation is voluntary; I choose to participate in this climbing activity in spite of these named and other unnamed risks. I am solely responsible for deciding to participate in this activity and am solely responsible for deciding what equipment to take, whether to participate in any climb and whether to participate in any rescue or recovery of equipment. I am solely responsible for deciding whether to participate in or continue on any climbing trip.

I understand my responsibility in decision making. I agree to obey all CORE rules and regulations while participating in this climbing activity. I have carefully read and understand this Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk. I also understand that I will be asked to read carefully, understand and sign a separate Release of Liability.

Participant’s Signature               Printed Name               Date

Parent or Guardian’s Signature (if under 18 years of age)   Printed Name   Date