

VISITOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS

Required for Teton Science School Wildlife Expeditions participants' travel on National Park Service lands

In consideration of the services of Teton Science School, Inc., and its officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other entities associated with those businesses, hereinafter collectively referred to as "TSS", I, (participant, and the parent or legal guardian of a minor participant), agree as follows:

Although TSS has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so I can enjoy activities for which I may not be skilled, TSS has informed me that these activities are not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in these activities and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activities. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of the activities and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. TSS does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm of these activities, 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:

Risks associated with travel. Travel may be on foot or by vehicle (e.g. vans, cars, buses), raft, sleigh, or other means, and may be over rough and unpredictable terrain or via routes, lakes, rivers, hiking trails, and roads in snow, rain, or other adverse weather conditions.

Risks connected with geographic location. Activities may take place in remote places, several hours from medical facilities, causing potential delays or difficulties in communication, transportation, evacuation and medical care.

Equipment risks. The risk that equipment used in an activity may be misused or may break, fail or malfunction.

Risks present in an outdoor or wilderness environment. These risks include travel in high altitude, mountainous or wilderness terrain both on and off trail. Travel may be subject to lightning; strong winds; fast moving rivers or other water bodies; difficult stream crossings, currents or whitewater; falling rocks; extremely hot (geothermal) or cold weather or water; snow and ice; avalanche dangers; fallen timber; stinging, venomous, or disease carrying animals or insects; poisonous plants; wild animals (including close and unpredictable contact with wildlife) and other natural or man-made hazards. Hazards may not be marked or visible and weather is unpredictable year around.

Risks involved in decision-making. These risks include the risk that a TSS staff member, volunteer or contractor may misjudge a participant's capabilities, health or physical condition, or misjudge some aspect of instruction, medical treatment, weather, terrain, water level, or, river and/or terrain route location.

Personal health and participation risks. The risk that participant's mental, physical or emotional condition (disclosed or undisclosed, known or unknown) combined with participation in these activities could result in injury, damage, death or other loss. Although TSS personnel may review participant's submitted health information, TSS cannot anticipate or eliminate risks or complications posed by participant's mental, physical or emotional condition.

Risks regarding conduct. The potential that participant, or other participants or third parties may act carelessly or recklessly either during the activities, or during free and/or unstructured time.

Risks associated with riding in vehicles. Risks include, but are not limited to vehicular accidents, rollovers or injury associated with extending the body through the roof hatch. Participants must remain seated at all times when the vehicle is moving and must wear seatbelts when available.

Risks associated with firearms. This includes the risk of being shot or struck by accidental discharge or malfunction of a firearm, while traveling in or near areas where firearms are used.

Other risks that are generally associated with educational, instructional, recreation and/or adventure activities.

These and other risks may result in participants: falling; being struck; colliding with objects or people; experiencing vehicle or boat capsize, collision or rollover; reacting to high altitudes, weather conditions or increased exertion; becoming lost or disoriented; suffering gastrointestinal complications or allergic reactions or experiencing other problems. These and other circumstances may cause heat or cold related illness (such as hypothermia, hyperthermia, heat stroke or exhaustion, or frostbite); dehydration; drowning; high altitude sickness; heart or lung complications; broken bones; paralysis; concussions; sunburn or other burns; mental or emotional trauma or other injury, damage, death or loss.

I am aware that Wildlife Expeditions' educational, instructional, recreation and/or adventure activities, including but not limited to: wildlife viewing in or outside vehicles; travel in vans, buses and other vehicles; nature walks and hikes; rafting or other boating and related activities (collectively "activities") entail risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these activities and 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 these activities 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 these activities may require a degree of skill and knowledge different than other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of TSS has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of these activities and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with these activities.

I certify that I am (or my minor child is) fully capable of participating in these activities. 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 (or my child's) negligence in participating in these activities.

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 my minor children.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if participant is under 18 yrs. of age

Date