

UNCW ADVENTURE RECREATION PROGRAMS

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK
BACKPACKING/HIKING/CAMPING ACTIVITIES**

I understand and accept that Backpacking/Hiking/Camping exposes me to numerous known and unanticipated risks which could result in personal injury, illness, death or damage to myself, or my property. Some of the risks or factors creating risk include, but are not limited to the following:

- The hazards of traveling by foot in rugged terrain
- Backcountry hazards including loose rocks, falling trees, and river or creek crossings
- Using maps and compass, packs, tents, camping stoves and other camping equipment
- Man-made objects in the area including but not limited to barbed wire, other fences, vehicle and foot bridges, building remains and garbage or junk
- Carrying backpacks and other camping equipment
- Hiking, walking or running in rugged terrain, including slippery rocks and vegetation
- Injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles or plants
- The forces of nature including lightning, weather changes, hypothermia, hyperthermia, sunburn, high winds, and others not named
- The physical exertion associated with the outdoor activity
- Traveling in a vehicle not driven by me

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 backpacking / hiking / camping activity. My participation is voluntary. I choose to participate in this backpacking / hiking / camping activity in spite of these named and unnamed risks. I am solely responsible for deciding to participate in this activity.

I understand my responsibility in decision-making. I agree to obey all Adventure Recreation Programs rules and regulations while participating in this backpacking/hiking/camping activity.

I have carefully read and understand this Acknowledgment 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
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Parent or Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years of age)	Printed Name	Date
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Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Relation to Participant:** _____

Home Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Cell: (____) ____ - _____ Work: (____) ____ - _____

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Acknowledgment of Risk and have agreed to its terms. I fully understand that there are certain elements of danger inherent in recreational activities, and that participating in a recreational activity could entail loss of life, personal injury, and loss of or damage to property.

I understand and agree that the terms "recreational activity" and "activity" as used herein encompass all aspects of the activity, including preliminary and subsequent matters such as, but not limited to getting outfitted for the activity, maintaining, repairing, loading and unloading boats, equipment or gear, and travel to and from the place of activity.

In consideration of Adventure Recreation Programs, furnishing services to enable me to participate in this activity, I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) Adventure Recreation Programs and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability or claims for any injury, illness, death, or damage to myself or my property arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this activity. This release and discharge specifically includes, but is not limited to, liability or claims based upon the ordinary negligent acts or omissions of Adventure Recreation Programs or its officers, agents or employees.

I further agree, promise and covenant not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain any claim against Adventure Recreation Programs or its officers, agents or employees, for any injury, illness, death or damage to myself or my property arising from or in any way connected with my participation in this activity.

In signing this document, I fully recognize that if injury, illness, death or damage occurs to me while I am engaged in this activity, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against UNCW, Adventure Recreation Programs, Campus Recreation or its officers, agents or employees, even if they or any of them negligently cause my injury, illness, death or damage, unless that negligence is gross or willful negligence.

I hereby grant UNCW Adventure Recreation Programs the right to use, for promotional purposes only, any photographs taken by them of me during my participation in their recreational activities.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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