

**NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND CONSENT FORM**

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PLEASE REVIEW AND COMPLETE THIS FORM PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES PROVIDED, ORGANIZED, ARRANGED, SPONSORED OR AUTHORIZED BY WESTERN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES INCORPORATED. AND WESTERN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE SOCIETY

Name of Parent/Guardian		First	Last
Name of Participant under age 19		First	Last
			Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
Address		Street	City
			Prov/State
Postal Code:	Country	Email:	

TO: Western Educational Adventures Incorporated, Western Educational Adventure Society and their directors, officers, employees, instructors, guides, agents, representatives, volunteers, sponsors, independent contractors, subcontractors, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as **"Western Educational Adventures"**).

DEFINITION

The term **"Leadership Activities"** includes all activities, events and services provided, arranged, organized, sponsored or authorized by Western Educational Adventures, including but not limited to:

- swimming; cliff-jumping; canoeing; kayaking; surfing; kayak surfing; rafting; stand-up paddle boarding;
- camping; fire building; knife skills; outdoor and indoor cooking; shelter building; forest survival skills; geocaching; navigation skills; hiking; mountaineering; backcountry travel; archery; lake, creek and beach explorations; orienteering
- trail running; indoor and outdoor fitness training, classes and programs; strength training; weight training and use of fitness equipment;
- indoor and outdoor rock climbing; ice-climbing; rappelling; belaying;
- skiing; snowboarding; snowshoeing; cross-country or Nordic skiing; snow biking; use of ski lifts and tows; snow school lessons; racing and competitions; snow caving; sledding; hiking; participating in horse-drawn sleigh rides;
- painting; staining; lifting heavy objects such as furniture or firewood; chopping firewood; cleaning buildings and other facilities; use of cleaning equipment and or chemicals; landscaping; brush cutting; carpentry; plumbing; use of manual and power tools;
- equipment rental; use of equipment; use of personal floatation devices and other safety equipment; use of vehicles and other forms of transportation to or around the locations where the Leadership Activities take place;
- instruction sessions and courses; guided tours;
- all related accommodation, food, water and beverage supply; loading and unloading of and transportation by motor-vehicle and watercraft; and all related activities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - USE OF HELMET

Participants should wear a helmet while rafting, kayaking, climbing, belaying, rappelling, skiing and snowboarding. Instruction as to the proper use of the helmet is available from the guides, instructors and/or technicians.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - USE OF PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE

Participants should wear a personal floatation device while participating in kayaking, canoeing, rafting or during transportation by boat. Instruction as to the proper use of personal floatation devices is available from the guides, instructors and/or technicians.

NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS, SNOWSHOERS, NORDIC and TELEMAR SKIERS - INCREASED RISK

The boot/binding system is not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances. This system will not reduce the risk of injury during a fall and will increase the risk of not surviving an avalanche or snow immersion.

NOTICE – BACKCOUNTRY WEATHER CONDITIONS, DELAYED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND EVACUATION

Communication in the terrain used for the Leadership Activities may be difficult, and in the event of an accident or illness, rescue, medical treatment and evacuation may not be available or may be delayed. Alpine and backcountry weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning.

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ASSUMPTION OF RISKS – Leadership Activities Generally

Participation in Leadership Activities involves various risks, dangers and hazards, some of which are as follows:

- risk of serious injury including but not limited to death; breaks, fractures and dislocations; concussions or head injuries; strains, sprains and soft tissue injuries; cuts, lacerations and bruises; hypothermia, dehydration and frost-bite; physical exertion which may result in injury or aggravation of previous injuries, conditions, symptoms, or congenital defects; allergic reaction to chemicals; allergies, phobias and fears; loss of balance, slips, trips and falls;
- avalanche; snow immersion; variations in the terrain or weather conditions cornices; crevasses; cliffs; trees, tree wells; tree stumps; forest dead fall; creeks; rocks; rockfall; boulders; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; variable and difficult snow conditions; collision with lift towers, trees, fences, snow making equipment, snow grooming equipment, snowcats, snowmobiles or other vehicle equipment, structures or other persons;
- accidents which occur during transportation or travel to and from the locations where the Leadership Activities take place; travel through mountainous, alpine or backcountry terrain;
- encounters with domestic or wild animals, including bears, cougars, dogs and horses;
- equipment failure; mechanical failure or improper use of equipment or tools including power tools, manual tools and other equipment; collapse of natural or constructed features such as bridges, ramps, ladders, roofs and buildings;
- collisions with natural and constructed objects, vehicles or other persons; being struck by falling objects such as rocks or other debris;
- river rafting, paddleboarding, canoeing, kayaking, and recreational swimming take place on or beside lakes, fast flowing rivers or streams and involve the risk of cold-water immersion, consumption of non-potable water, hypothermia and drowning; entrapment by trees, logs, rocks or equipment; the overturning or upsetting of rafts, kayaks or canoes; sudden, violent and unexpected movement of the rafts, kayaks or canoes; drowning; falling from the rafts, kayaks or canoes into long sections of continuous rapids;
- archery involved the risk of handling bows and arrows, and being near others handling the same equipment; risk of serious injury, paralysis, or death from target pieces, shot from bows, ricochets or fragments from targets, bows and arrows;
- failure of climbing and rappelling equipment including ropes, harnesses, slings, anchor points, climbing holds, crampons, ice axes and/or any other equipment associated with or related to the climbing, belaying and rappelling; rockfall; falls from heights;
- failing to perform the Leadership Activities safely or within one's own ability; negligence, inattention or inexperience of other participants or third parties; becoming lost or separated from one's party; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide;
- infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact;

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I AM ALSO AWARE THAT THERE IS A RISK OF NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF WESTERN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE BY WESTERN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT THE PARTICIPANT FROM OR WARN ME AND/OR THE PARTICIPANT OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

I HAVE READ THE ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND CONSENT FORM AND UNDERSTAND THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES. I HAVE EXPLAINED THESE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS TO MY MINOR CHILD (THE PARTICIPANT) AND I CONSENT TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND CONSENT FORM SHALL APPLY TO ALL MY MINOR CHILD (THE PARTICIPANTS) FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES. A COPY OF THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND CONSENT FORM IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian Clearly

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name of Participant (under age 19)

Date