

**AMC VOLUNTEER LED ACTIVITIES
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & RELEASE AGREEMENT**

Date: _____ Leader: _____ Chapter: _____ Activity: _____

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT (hereafter 'Document') **CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. All participants must sign this Document. For participants under 18 yrs. of age (hereafter sometimes 'minor' or 'child'), parent/s or legal guardian/s (hereafter collectively 'parent/s') must also sign.** In consideration of the services of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Massachusetts, and its chapters, including all officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, volunteers (including leaders and co-leaders), members and all other persons or entities associated with it (collectively referred to in this Document as 'AMC'), I (**participant and parent/s of a minor participant**) **acknowledge and agree as follows:**

AMC volunteer-led educational and/or adventure activities may include, but are not limited to hiking, backpacking, camping, biking, skiing, maintenance of trails and facilities, mountaineering, rock and ice climbing, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, use of AMC huts or other facilities and transportation or travel to and from activities (referred to in this Document as 'activities' or 'these activities'). **The leaders of these activities are volunteers. They are not paid professional guides or leaders. In all activities, all participants share in the responsibility for their own safety and the safety of the group.** Participants (and parents of minors) take responsibility for having appropriate skills, physical conditioning, equipment and supplies for these activities.

These activities include inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (referred to in this Document as 'risks') **that can cause or lead to injury, property damage, illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis, disability or death to participant or others.** Some, but not all of these risks include: hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; misjudgments made by leaders, co-leaders, participants or others; travel in remote areas that can cause potential delays or difficulties with transportation, evacuation and medical care; equipment that can fail or malfunction; the potential that the participant or others (e.g. co-participant, driver, medical and rescue personnel) may act carelessly or recklessly. I understand that AMC cannot assure participant's safety or eliminate any of these risks. **Participant is voluntarily participating with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, participant (and parent/s of minors) assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent and other risks (both known and unknown) of these activities, and for any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by participant, resulting from those risks, and/or resulting from participant's negligence or other misconduct.**

I (**adult participant, and/or Parent/s for themselves and for and on behalf of their participating minor child**) **agree to release and not to sue AMC (as AMC is defined above)** in regard to any and all claims, liabilities, suits, or expenses (including reasonable costs and attorneys' fees) (hereafter collectively 'claim' or 'claim/s'), **including claim/s resulting from AMC's negligence (but not its gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct),** for any injury, damage, death or other loss to me or my child, in any way connected with my or my child's enrollment or participation in these activities, or my use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. **I understand I agree here to waive all claim/s I or my child may have against AMC,** and agree that neither I, my child, or anyone acting on my or my child's behalf, will make a claim against AMC.

I (**participant and parent/s of a minor participant**) **agree** that the substantive laws of Massachusetts govern this Document and all other aspects of my relationship with AMC, and that any mediation, suit, or other proceeding must be filed or entered into only in Massachusetts. **This Document is intended to be interpreted and enforced to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any portion of this Document deemed unlawful or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining provisions, and those remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.**

PARTICIPANT AND PARENT/S OF A MINOR PARTICIPANT AGREE: I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AND BINDING UPON ME, MY MINOR CHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, AND MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND ESTATE. Parent/s must sign below, both in their capacity as a participant, and as Parent/s of any minor child identified below.

Check If <u>Under 18</u>	Participant Name	Signature/Date (Guardians/Parents if Minor)	Emergency Contact (Name and Phone Number)
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Delaware Valley Chapter Activity Leader's Report

This report can be completed and filed electronically, and the sign-in sheets scanned and uploaded. No mail, no postage! Go to: amcdv.org/tripreport.html

Leader: _____ Date: _____

Co-Leader: _____ No. of Participants: _____

Activity: _____ Volunteer Hours: _____

Location: _____

Pace: _____ Terrain: _____ Distance: _____ Class (paddling only): _____

My current e-mail address: _____

Trip Report Please include a short description of the trip: weather conditions, trip route, any interesting or unusual situations encountered.

In case of accident or injury: If you had to give any real first aid (beyond band-aids and mole skin), if you had to evacuate someone from a trip, or if someone needed to get outside help to deal with an injury they received on your trip, you should report it.

Please go to amcdv.org/accident.html and follow the steps there, and complete and file the accident report. If a serious emergency, please call in the following order: the Chapter Chair Lois Rothenberger at 215-661-1073, Chapter Vice-Chair Susan Weida at 610-838-2335 or Chapter Leadership Chair, Lennie Steinmetz at 610-694-8677 as soon as reasonably possible. Please send a copy of the injury report and sign-up sheets to Lois via e-mail at dvchair@amcdv.org, or mail to 409 S 5th Street, North Wales PA 19454. She will then forward copies to the applicable Activity Chairs, and the appropriate AMC officials. Please call or e-mail with any questions or concerns.

Please return this report and the trip release forms by mail or e-mail within one month of activity completion to:

Hiking	Jeffrey Fritzing	124 Laurel Circle, Newtown, PA 18940	hiking@amcdv.org
Backpacking	Cindy Crosser	238 Steeplechase Cir., Wilmington, DE 9808	backpacking@amcdv.org
Paddling	Eric Pavlak	Box 542, Oaks, PA 19456	paddling@amcdv.org
Bicycling	Robert Liston	26 Kyle Drive, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	bicycling@amcdv.org
Trailwork	Phil Mulligan	Durham St., Philadelphia, PA 19119	trails@amcdv.org
Young Members	Kate Prisby	866 Ballstown Rd, Lititz, PA 17543	ym@amcdv.org
Family Activities	Annette Sheldon	19 Doreen Rd., Hamilton, NJ 08690	family@amcdv.org
Conservation	Adrian Noble	2116 Pinto Rd., Warrington, PA, 18976	conservation@amcdv.org
XC Skiing	Sue Bickford-Martin	New Pond Lane, Levittown, PA 19054	skiing@amcdv.org

Thanks for leading this activity and taking time to send this report.

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