

**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; infectious disease, including but not limited to COVID-19; 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/leadership/trip-reporting-instructions](http://amcdv.org/leadership/trip-reporting-instructions)**

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity name: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

If you file this report on paper, mail it to: John Rowen, 213 Stonehouse Lane, Wyncote, PA 19095  
**Mail this report within seven days of the completion of the activity.**

In case of an accident or injury requiring outside help such as evacuation, an ambulance or a trip to the emergency room, or if someone needed medical help to deal with an injury on your trip, you should report it. See <https://amcdv.org/leadership/accident-reporting/>

If outside agencies were involved such as National Park Service, medivac helicopter etc. and/or if the press has contacted you, the chapter individuals listed below must be contacted within 24 hours so that they can promptly file the report with AMC headquarters. Please email the report to all three, plus make phone contact (not voice mail) with at least one of these:

Chair: Bill DeSefano, [dvchair@amcdv.org](mailto:dvchair@amcdv.org), 215-661-1073

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