

WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS, RELEASE FROM LIABILITY and ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS YOU ALSO GIVE UP THE RIGHT TO SUE

I _____ (Print Full Name) hereby acknowledge and agree that in attending *Boreal Wilderness Institute* courses, treks, vacations trips, programs, or organized activities operated or sanctioned by the *Boreal Wilderness Institute* herein called “the Institute”:

1. I hereby release the Institute, the staff of the Institute, the owners of the *Boreal Wilderness Institute*, Bruce Zawalsky, any independent contractors, instructors, and guides, against all recourse, proceedings, claims and causes of action of any kind whatsoever, in respect of all personal injuries or property losses which I may suffer arising out of or connected with, my preparation for, or participation in, the aforesaid courses, treks, vacations trips, programs or organized activities, notwithstanding that such injuries or losses may have been caused by negligence of the Institute, the staff of the Institute and the owners of Institute, Bruce Zawalsky, any independent contractors, instructors, guides, or other participants in the program.

Initial to show that you have read and understood this paragraph: _____

2. And, I hereby acknowledge and agree:

a) that wilderness activities, instructional sessions, programs, survival training, orienteering, wilderness navigation, hiking trips, backpacking trips, rock scrambling, mountain travel, high altitude travel, river crossings, stream crossings, ice crossing, canoe tripping, whitewater canoeing, portaging, overnight camping, lighting fires, sleeping beside a fire, cutting wood, travel in the wilderness, handling axes, knives and saws are very dangerous, exposing participants to many risks and hazards, some of which are inherent in the very nature of the activities themselves, others which result from human error and negligence on the part of the persons involved in preparing, organizing, staging, guiding and leading, courses, treks, vacations, programs and other organized activities;

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b) that I am aware that on wilderness courses and treks there are certain dangers and risks, some of which include: avalanches, rock fall, icefall, tree fall, travel in mountainous terrain, travel in steep terrain, travel in wetlands, travel on whitewater and on any body of water, as well as equipment failure, aircraft and helicopter travel, weather, wild animals but are not limited to;

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c) that I accept that the enjoyment and excitement of wilderness travel and training is derived in part from traveling in wild, rugged and uncontrolled environments and that the inherent risks of wilderness travel and training contributes to such enjoyment and excitement.

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d) that, as a result of the aforesaid risks and hazards, I, as a participant, may suffer serious personal injury, even death, as well as property loss;

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e) that some of the aforesaid risks and hazards are foreseeable, but others are not;

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f) that I nevertheless freely and voluntarily assume all the aforesaid risk and hazards, and that, accordingly, my preparation for, and participation in the aforesaid courses, treks, vacations, programs or organized activities shall be entirely at my own risk;

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g) that I have carefully read the **WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM** agreement, that I fully understand the same, and that I am freely and voluntarily executing the same;

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h) that this **WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM** agreement is binding on myself, my heirs, my executors, administrators, persona; representatives and assigns.

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SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature if under the age of 18)

Participant Print Full Name: _____

Participant Print Address: _____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: _____

Witness Print Full Name: _____

Witness Print Address: _____

DATE: _____