

# **ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB, INC.**

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**Before you arrive, thoroughly read all program materials, and call us if you have any questions. The Acknowledgment of Risk statement (below), Release of Liability (next page), Photo Release (next page) sections of this form must be completed and signed before you can attend the program.**

Safety is a fundamental part of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) operation. Safety is taught and practiced on every program offered by the ADK. Despite operating to the best of our capabilities, the possibility of an accident still exists. We cannot - nor can anyone - reduce that possibility to zero.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK**

In consideration of the services of the Adirondack Mountain Club, their employees, members, trip leaders, chapters, groups, representatives or agents and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (collectively referred to as ADK), I agree as follows:

I acknowledge that this program entails known and unanticipated risks, which cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can be causes of loss or damage to my equipment, accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, disability, or death.

I understand that ADK does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but thinks it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the activities' inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks:

ADK programs camp and travel out of doors, where they are subject to numerous risks, environmental and otherwise. Activities vary from program to program, and include hiking and backpacking, rock climbing, mountaineering, whitewater and flat water canoeing and kayaking, skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, and trail work. In the backcountry, meals are prepared over gas stoves and water requires disinfection before use. Camping risks and hazards includes burns, cuts, diarrhea and flu-like illness. ADK programs occur in remote places, many hours from medical facilities. Communication and transportation can be difficult and sometimes evacuations and medical care may be delayed. Travel is by vehicle, canoe, kayak, skis, on foot and by other means, over rugged unpredictable terrain, including stream crossings, snow and ice, steep slopes, slippery rocks, and downed timber. Environmental risks and hazards include rapidly moving, deep, or cold water, insects, falling or rolling rock, lightning, avalanches, floods, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather which may change to extreme conditions without notice. Possible injuries and illnesses include hypothermia, frostbite, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions. Decisions are made by the instructor(s) and participants in a wilderness setting, based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations which by their nature are imprecise and subject to errors in judgment. Throughout the course, participants are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of other members of their course.

I am aware that ADK programs include risks of injury or death to myself. I understand the description above of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in property loss, injury, or death. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks. I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being.

I have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement

shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate and all members of my family. With full knowledge of these dangers, I hereby agree for myself, all of my family members and heirs to RELEASE ADK and any of its employees, members, trip leaders, chapters, officers, directors, governors, or agents liability claims demands or any causes of action and agree NOT TO MAKE ANY CLAIM against ADK or any of its chapters, representatives or agents whatsoever which may arise during my participation in the program stated above.

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I intend this **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** to be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury or death results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of the ADK, or any of its agents, employees, officers, instructors, guides, directors, governors, trip leaders and/or members. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act which a reasonable and careful person would do, or the doing of an act which a reasonable and careful person would not do, under the same circumstances, to protect himself, herself or others from injury or death.

I assume full responsibility for my personal injuries, including injuries resulting in death, which might occur as the result of my own negligence and/or the negligence of lack of care of ADK, its employees, members, chapters, trip leaders, groups, representatives or agents. I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety and to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in this program.

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### **PHOTO RELEASE**

I hereby give to and grant to the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish any and all photographs and/or videos which its employees, assignees, licensee, or representatives may have taken of me for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not limited to) illustration, program promotion, publicity, and advertising.

I hereby release the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc. from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of use of said photographs and/or videos of me, including any and all claims for libel.

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I am over the age of eighteen. I have read the foregoing **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, & PHOTO RELEASE** and state that I fully understand the meaning of them.

I have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate and all members of my family.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW: \*\*MUST SIGN BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM.\*\***

I am the legal guardian of the above minor and have read the above and I hereby consent to the terms of the **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, and PHOTO RELEASE** on behalf of the named minor, and give my consent to the participation of the above named minor in all activities of ADK on the terms stated.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide complete answers to all questions.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Workshop Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  Other

Phone #: Day (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / PO Box

City

State

Zip

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** (Parent or guardian information if participant is under 18 years old):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Day (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Page \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / PO Box

City

State

Zip

**INSURANCE COVERAGE:** Participant is responsible for his/her own medical expenses. ADK requires that anyone participating in a program have their own medical coverage in the event that an injury occurs to the participant either before or after the program begins. The information requested below is for the **primary family policy holder**.

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Company Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/Policy ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / PO Box

City

State

Zip

Name of Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / PO Box

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Physician/Primary Care Provider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL & PHYSICAL INFORMATION:**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last Tetanus Booster: \_\_\_\_\_  
(ADK recommends within 10 years)

**EXERCISE:** Detail your current activity below -or-  None

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Frequency per week</i>	<i>Approximate Time/Distance</i>	<i>Intensity Level</i>

**SWIMMING ABILITY:**  Cannot Swim  Can swim 100 feet  Can swim 500 feet  Strong Swimmer

**ALLERGIES:** Please list all allergies including medicines, food, -or-  No Allergies

bites, stings, shellfish, iodine, plants, and animals

*Allergy*

*Reaction*

*Medication Required*

**MEDICATIONS:** Please list all prescription and non- prescription -or-  No Medications

medication you take and/or carry with you

*Medication Condition Dosage (amount/frequency) Initiated (month/year) Side effects*

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:** Please be specific (vegetarian, no red meat, vegan, lactose intolerant, food allergies, strong food dislikes, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE >>>**

**HEALTH HISTORY:** Please check the appropriate boxes, and respond to all questions below.

**Yes No**

- 1. Operations/Serious Injuries in the past five years?
- 2. Hospitalizations/Emergency Room visits in the past year?
- 3. Diabetes: Please note below if participant is insulin dependent.
- 4. Epilepsy or seizure disorder: If yes, date of last seizure: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Other past or current medical issues/illness/requirements?
- 6. Heart attack/By-pass surgery/Angioplasty/Angina/Unexplained fainting?
- 7. Other cardiac conditions, including heart murmur or irregular heartbeat?
- 8. High blood pressure, even if being treated with medication: If yes, list BP with date from last doctor's visit below.
- 9. Bone/Muscle/Joint injury?
- 10. Neck/Back/Knee/Shoulder/Ankle problems?

**Yes No**

- 11. Frostbite/Circulatory problems/Heat stroke?
- 12. Bleeding disorders, anemia?
- 13. Pregnant: If yes, what trimester? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Does participant smoke?
- 15. Asthma or other respiratory problems?

**IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

16. Has the participant had counseling with a psychiatrist/psychologist/counselor within the past two years? Yes  No   
If yes, is it currently ongoing? Yes  No

**Additional Emergency Contact (Other than parent or guardian listed on Page 1):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Page: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

If any of the boxes above were checked yes, please provide a description including history, symptoms, hospitalizations, current status and any restrictions. Please refer to the number listed by the issue above, and attach additional pages as necessary. Be sure to detail any medications on Page 1.

Are there any physical or medical conditions not listed above which may affect or limit participation? Yes  No

If yes, please explain (attach additional sheets as necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

- Please review this form to be certain you have completed every question. This complete medical form is required for participation in this ADK program.
- All information on this form is confidential. It is possible to complete many ADK programs with a variety of medical/psychological difficulties, but ADK must be aware of these conditions. Failure to disclose medical and health history information as requested could result in serious harm to you and participants in your program.
- The status of your participation will be determined after review of this form. In some cases further evaluation, possibly including consultation with your health care provider, may be necessary.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

Consent is hereby given for the applicant to attend an Adirondack Mountain Club program. Permission is given for ADK staff, volunteers, representatives or contractors to obtain or provide medical care for me/my child, or to transport me/my child to a medical facility. I further authorize ADK staff, volunteers, or other medical personnel to render such treatment they consider necessary for my/my child's health and I agree to pay all costs associated with that care and transportation. I have read and understand both sides of this medical form and the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Thank you for taking the time to carefully complete this form. Please call (518) 523-3480 ext. 19 with any questions.**