

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Sierra Wilderness Seminars, Inc. dba SWS Mountain Guides, California Ski Guides, California Rock Guides, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SWSMG"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge SWSMG, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that outdoor adventure based activities such as rock & ice climbing, mountaineering, camping, & skiing, entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

The risks include, among other things: the hazards of walking on uneven terrain and slips and falls; being struck by rock fall, icefall or other objects dislodged or thrown from above; the use and potential or actual failure of climbing ropes and equipment; the forces of nature, including lightning, weather changes and avalanche; the risks of falling off the rock, mountain or into a crevasse; the risks of exposure to insect bites; the risk of altitude and cold including hypothermia, frostbite, acute mountain sickness, cerebral and pulmonary edema; travel in remote areas with poor or no access to emergency and/or medical services; transmissible pathogen or disease; accidents or illness can occur in remote places without medical facilities and emergency treatment or other services rendered; consumption of food or drink; and improper lifting or carrying; my own physical condition, and the physical exertion associated with this activity.

Furthermore, SWSMG personnel have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless SWSMG from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of SWSMG's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of SWSMG.**

4. Should SWSMG or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.

5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

6. In the event that I file a lawsuit against SWSMG, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining document shall remain in full force and effect

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against SWSMG on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I also agree that this document is valid for subsequent visits and participation at SWSMG.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Print Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by SWSMG to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless SWSMG from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

PROTECTIVE CLIMBING HEADGEAR REFUSAL AGREEMENT

I, for myself and/or on behalf of my child or legal ward, have been fully warned and advised by Sierra Wilderness Seminars, Inc. dba SWS Mountain Guides (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SWSMG"), that we should purchase and/or wear a properly fitted and secured CE or UIAA certified helmet while climbing (whether on the premises of SWSMG or off the premises) in order to reduce the severity of some of our head injuries and to possibly prevent my/our death from happening as the result of a fall(s) or any other occurrence associated with this activity. We realize that we are subject to injury from this activity and that no form of preplanning can remove all of the danger to which we are exposing ourselves. Against the advice of SWSMG, the guide/instructor, numerous court cases and SWSMG's insurance company, we are refusing this critical safety precaution.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/we the undersigned have read the foregoing statement carefully before signing and do understand its warnings and assumption of risks.

Signature of Rider (spouse must sign for themselves) Date

Signature of parent, guardian and or spouse Name of additional minor(s) rider(s) Date