



## PARTICIPANT WAIVER

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**THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.**

**By signing this agreement you give up your right to bring a court action to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any injury to yourself or your property or for your death however caused arising out of your participation in this Cornell Outdoor Education or Outdoor Odyssey activity now or any time in the future.**

I agree that my participation in this Cornell Outdoor Education (COE) course is entirely voluntary. I agree, on behalf of myself, my assigns, executors, and heirs, to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, and HOLD HARMLESS Cornell University, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, damage, or claim of any kind arising out of or in any way related to my participation in this COE program, other than those claims arising solely from gross negligence of Cornell University, its officers, trustees, or employees. This shall include, but is not limited to, damages and claims on account of personal injury, property damage, death, or accident of any kind in any way related to my participation in, or transportation to or from this COE program, and any act or omission of a third party that impacts my participation in, or separation from, or transportation to or from COE program. In the case of voluntary separation or expulsion from the course I understand that I will be responsible for all expenses related to such separation.

I understand that neither Cornell University, nor the COE program provides any accident or medical insurance and that I am required to provide my own accident and medical insurance. I hereby agree that I am financially responsible for all such expenses. I understand COE does not carry radios or cell phones, and I may be far from medical facilities. I understand that neither Cornell University, nor COE program provides any private vehicle insurance and that I am required to provide my own private vehicle insurance should I elect to use my own vehicle for transportation to or from a COE course. In the event of accident or injury in my private vehicle, or any other private vehicle, I agree to the same terms outlined above.

I understand that all participants are subject to Cornell University regulations, COE policies, laws of the United States, and the laws of New York State. In the event of violation of these, or behavior that is considered by COE to be detrimental to the participant, other participants, or the COE program, COE shall have the right to dismiss me from the course while retaining all payments. I hereby certify that I am physically fit and able to participate in this course. I further state that I am cognizant of all the inherent dangers of participation and the risks involved in this course which includes, but is not limited to, drowning, rockfall, lightning, extreme weather conditions, environmental injuries, road crossings, motor vehicle accidents, equipment failure, wildlife attacks, insect-borne diseases, etc. I state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this affirmation and release. If a minor, I understand this form needs to be signed by my parent or legal guardian. I understand the terms herein are contractual.

**I have read and fully understand the above acknowledgement of risk, release / indemnification and covenant not to sue. I have signed this document of my own free will, and agree to the terms outlined herein.**

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Participant's Signature

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Participant's Name *(printed clearly)*

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Cornell ID# *(if applicable)*

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Participant's Date of Birth

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Participant's Age

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Net ID

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Course Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature  
*(if participant is under 18 years old)*

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Parent/Legal Guardian Name  
*(printed clearly)*

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Today's Date