Georgia College
Outdoor Center at Georgia College

INFORMED CONSENT, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INSURANCE CERTIFICATION, RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In agreeing to participate in a Georgia College Outdoor Education program, course, or trip, I may take part in adventurous activities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, land activities such as camping, backpacking, caving, land navigation, rappelling, top rope rock climbing, bouldering, or tree climbing; water activities such as flat water, coastal or white water rafting, canoeing, or kayaking; group development and challenge course activities; vehicle travel; and service projects.

I recognize certain risks and dangers exist in these activities. These risks include, but are not limited to: loss or damage of personal property; mental or emotional distress; injury or fatality due to tripping, falling from heights, drowning, allergic reactions to foods, flora or insects, exposure to temperature extremes or inclement weather, sun hazards, equipment failure, and vehicle accidents while traveling to and from the activity site.

I have read and understand the risks listed above and agree to take an active part to protect myself and my fellow participants during the activity. I understand that these risks may be minimized by following staff instructions regarding techniques and equipment usage and by asking questions about things that I do not understand. I also understand that I should participate at a level and a pace that I am physically and emotionally prepared for and to not attempt activities that seem unsafe. I will also inform the staff of any dangers known to me that may cause injury to me or others. If I am injured, I will alert staff to the situation and follow their instructions on how to respond to the problem. Furthermore, I agree to do the following to support a safe, environmentally sound, and effective experience for myself and others:

- I will be on time for all scheduled meetings and events.
- I agree to respect the rights and feelings of other participants and staff and to act in a supportive and caring manner during my participation in this event.
- I will not participate in activities or use equipment without proper supervision.
- I understand that I should do nothing that may harm the environment or destroy its natural beauty, so that anyone who follows me may enjoy what nature provides.
- I agree not to bring a radio, cell phone, or beeper on a trip unless I have written permission from the lead facilitator or course instructor.
- I will not use alcohol or illegal drugs prior to or during the program. I will use tobacco in a way consistent with program guidelines.

I have read all of this Informed Consent, had the opportunity to ask any questions that I may have, and understand that I may be dismissed from participation for refusing to abide by its contents.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INSURANCE CERTIFICATION

Many recreational activities and outdoor programs involve substantial risks of bodily injury or death, property damage, and other dangers associated with participation in such activities. Dangers related to such activities include, but are not limited to: hypothermia, broken bones, strains, sprains, bruises, drowning, concussions, heart attacks, and heat exhaustion. Each participant in these activities should realize that there are risks and dangers inherent in them, and also in the training for, participation in, and travel to and from such activities. It is the sole responsibility of each participant to participate only in those activities for which he or she has the prerequisite skills, qualifications, preparations, and training. The undersigned acknowledges that Georgia College does not warrant or guarantee in any respect the competency or mental or physical condition of any trip leader, vehicle driver, or individual participant in any outdoor program or recreational activity. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for any hospital or other costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my participation in such voluntary outdoor programs or recreational activities, and that I am solely responsible for maintaining adequate health and accident insurance coverage for such costs.

I accept and assume all risks, hazards, and dangers involved in such activities in which I may elect to participate including the training, preparation for, and travel to and from the site of such activities or programs.

RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in outdoor programs and recreational activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury and assumes all such risks. The undersigned hereby agrees that for the sole consideration of Georgia College (the "Institution") allowing the undersigned to participate in voluntary recreational programs or outdoor activities in connection there with, and making available to the undersigned for his or her use while participating in such programs or activities, certain equipment, facilities, grounds, or personnel of the Institution, the undersigned participant does hereby waive liability, release and forever discharge Georgia College and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers, agents, or employees from any and all demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, arising out of all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property, and the consequences thereof, including death, resulting from my voluntary participation in or in any way connected with such outdoor programs and recreational activities.

I further covenant and agree that for the sole consideration stated above I will not sue Georgia College, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, its officers, agents, or employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my voluntary participation in recreational programs or outdoor activities.

I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue the Institution or the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or any agent or employee thereof, shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign or official immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

This Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue shall remain in effect for as long as I am a participant in outdoor programs or recreational activities offered by the Institution. Further, I understand that, if I am an employee or student at the Institution, this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue shall be effective during the entire period of my enrollment or employment at the Institution.

Photo/Video Release

I do hereby consent and agree to allow the Outdoor Center at Georgia College the use of my image or likeness in photographs, videos, or audio for educational purposes or promotional purposes, including posting on the Internet. I agree that the use herein may be without compensation to me or my child. Check yes or no. ___ Yes ___ No

I certify that I am 18 years of age and suffering under no legal disabilities and that I have carefully read and understand this notice.

Participant Signature	**Print Name:**
Address:	**Date of Birth:**
Emergency Contact: **Relationship:**	**Phone Number:**
Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18):	**Date:**
Print Parent/Guardian Name:	**Phone Number:**
Lead Facilitator Signature:	**Date:**

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