

VENTURE OUT

Challenge Course Assumption of Risk Form

(Please Print)

I, _____, wish to participate in recreational activities offered through Venture Out, a program of Student Affairs (Dept. of Recreational Sports). In doing so, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and their officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages, and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from my participation in a Venture Out activity, provided that such liability is not attributed to the sole negligence of the University.

I understand that by participating in a Venture Out activity I am exposing myself to many potential hazards, including, but not limited to, severe injury and/or death. The Venture Out staff strives to manage these risks, but many risks are beyond the control of the Venture Out staff. The following are a list of some inherent dangers and risks that may or may not be present in a Venture Out activity:

- Injury, illness, and/or any other incidents that may take place a considerable distance from 911 emergency systems with limited cell phone coverage.
- Travel in a vehicle driven by someone other than myself
- Forces of nature including storms, lightning, wind, rain, snow, ice, cold, heat, changes in weather, and water levels
- Injuries to organs, muscles, joints, and bones
- Injuries inflicted by animals, insects, plants, UV-rays, and/or other natural causes
- Physical exertion associated with outdoor adventure related activities (fatigue, muscle soreness, joint stiffness, and blisters)
- Exposure to fire (man-made or natural)
- Hazards associated with water
- Problems resulting from improper use of equipment
- Injuries associated with ropes, metal cables, and wood (such as rope burn, splinters, abrasion etc.)

I willingly choose to participate in the Venture Out Program. While participating, I will be responsible for my equipment and myself. I understand that Virginia Tech does not carry medical insurance for participants involved with Venture Out and therefore I am responsible for my own medical insurance.

I am informed about and assume risks associated with Venture Out related activities. I understand that I am responsible for my own decisions and subsequent actions and agree, as a participant, to the duties listed below:

DUTIES OF PARTICIPANTS

- Participants have the duty to act in a reasonable and prudent manner when engaging in recreational activities offered by Venture Out.
- Participants may not participate in any Venture Out adventure related activity while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances.
- Participants may not participate on the Venture Out Challenge Course if their weight is less than 50 lbs. or exceeds 250 lbs. at the time of their participation.
- Participants may not engage in harmful conduct or willfully and/or negligently engage in any type of conduct which contributes to or causes injury to any person or personal property.
- Participants may not interfere with the safe running and operation of the expedition, including failure to use safety equipment provided by Venture Out or failure to follow the facilitators instructions in regard to safety or conduct.
- Participants must inform or notify the trip leader of any incident or accident involving personal injury or illness experienced during the course of a Venture Out related activity. If such injury or illness occurs, the participant shall leave personal identification, including name and address with the Venture Out center.
- Participants must advise their Challenge Course Facilitator of any known health problems or medical conditions along with any prescription medication that may be used in the treatment of such health during the course of the Venture Out activity.
- I, the participant, agree to abide by all Venture Out, Dept. of Recreational Sports, and University policies/procedures. I agree that I will support an alcohol/drug free environment by not consuming alcohol or drugs during this event. I also agree to follow the instruction and guidance of the university sponsor.

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

I have read, understand and agree to the above listed terms, risks, and duties as outlined on the front side of this form.

Participant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Participant's Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Weight: _____

Student ID #: _____
(if applicable)

Please list any physical limitations and/or medical conditions that may affect your participation including, but not limited to, pregnancy, major medical conditions, and spine or cerebral injuries:

Please list any prescription medications that you are currently taking:

Please list any allergies to drugs, chemicals, dusts, foods, animals or pollens:

Emergency Contact: _____

Relation: _____ Phone: _____

By completion of this form, I irrevocably authorize Venture Out and the Dept. of Recreational Sports to copyright, use, and publish for any legal purpose, any and all photographs of me or the previously mentioned minor which may be taken during this expedition without further compensation to me. All photographs shall be solely the property of Virginia Tech.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature
(If under 18): _____ Date: _____



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