

Journey Foundation

Assumption of Risk Agreement

IMPORTANT. READ CAREFULLY. This document affects your legal rights. It must be signed by you, the "Participant," whether you are an adult or minor. It must also be signed by your parent or guardian if you are a minor Participant under 18 years of age. The word "I", as used herein, refers to you the Participant, as well as you, the parent or guardian, if the Participant is under 18 years of age.

In consideration of the services of the Journey Foundation, their officers, agents, employees and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses, I agree as follows:

Although the Journey Foundation has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so that I can enjoy various program activities that may include whitewater rafting, camping, hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, surfing, snorkeling and other outdoor activities, these activities are not without risk. Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of these activities. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of these activities can be causes of loss or damage to my equipment, accidental injury, illness or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

For Camp WILD in Idaho:

1. Whitewater rapids will be encountered. I can be jolted, jarred bounced, thrown to and fro, and otherwise shaken about during rides through some of these rapids. It is possible that I could be injured if I come in contact with food boxes, other storage containers, or other equipment necessary to the operation of the expedition and the outfitting of the raft.
2. Boats could turn over or I could be "washed" overboard as a result of the unexpected wave action or the guide's misjudgment of the rapid or the river. This could result in: mental anguish or trauma; injuries sustained from the raft and its supplies and/or equipment, or from items in the river bed; prolonged exposure to cold water (hypothermia) leading to impaired health or in extreme cases, death. Accidental drowning is also a possibility.
3. Accidents can occur getting on and off the raft. Rafts are slippery when wet. I might slip and fall, in which case, I might damage or lose equipment I am carrying (such as camera, canteen or day pack), or I might injure myself by falling against some object in or on the boat or on the shore. Rafts may drift a distance from the shoreline when I am trying to climb on or off. I might fall in the river, or drop equipment in the river.

For most Journey Foundation activities (including Journey Hawaii):

4. Accidents can occur during hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, and rock climbing excursions or in camp. I can slip or fall during a hike or in camp, resulting in damage to equipment or personal injury. Terrain, including the shoreline, the premises of Camp and others, and elsewhere, may be unstable, steep and slippery, and rocks, trees, and other objects may fall, and man-made and natural structures may fail; animals, including poisonous reptiles and poisonous plants may cause harm; swimming in unfamiliar surroundings may cause entrapment, injury from slips and falls and drowning.
5. Exposure to the natural elements can be uncomfortable and/or harmful. I am aware that this exposure could cause sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and heat cramps. Activities may take place in remote places, significantly delaying emergency medical care and evacuation.
6. If in the course of the camp I am around horses or other animals, I may be kicked, bitten, stepped on or thrown from the horse. Surfing is inherently dangerous. I could drown, be hit by the board and injured, be attacked, bitten, or stung by sea life, be scraped by coral reef or receive other surfing related injuries that could cause serious injury or even death.
7. If in the course of the camp I participate in restoration service projects I may be injured while climbing ladders, working with tools, and the like.
8. During transportation to and from Camp locations, and all transportation in vehicles for the duration of Camp, I may be injured in the case of an accident.

Participant, and the parent or guardian of a minor Participant, acknowledge and understand that the description of activities and risks above is not complete and that all activities, whether or not described, may be dangerous and may include risks which are inherent and cannot be reasonably avoided without changing the nature of the activity. Participation in the activities can cause bites, stings, allergic reactions, overexertion, heat stroke, hypothermia, illness due to contaminated water, burns, cuts, bruises, strains, broken bones, and other injuries and illnesses. Property loss, and serious injury and death, including by falling and drowning, are possible.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself, including my minor children, for bodily injury, death and loss or damage of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and of my negligence in participation in this activity. I agree that in the event of an emergency evacuation, all expenses incurred, including helicopter airlift, will be my sole responsibility.

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 for all members of my family including any minors accompanying me. I acknowledge that I am not relying on any oral, written or visual representation or statement made by the Journey Foundation, including those made in its brochures or other promotional material, to induce me to go on this outdoor adventure.

The laws of the state of Utah shall govern any dispute arising from this Assumption of Risk Agreement, and any mediation or suit shall take place only in Utah County, Utah.

I will indemnify (that is, defend and satisfy by payment or reimbursement, including all professional costs and attorney fees), the Journey Foundation, its officers, volunteers, and all those associated, from any claim of liability, including one brought by or for a minor child for whom I sign, a co-participant in any of the activities of the Journey Foundation, a rescuer, a member of my, or the minor child's family, or anyone else asserting a loss arising out of or in any way related to my, or the child's, enrollment in or participation in the activities of the Journey Foundation or the use of its equipment.

Assumption of Risk Form Applies to (camp I/my child will attend):

Session Dates I/my child will attend are: _____ through _____

Signature of Participant (adult or minor) Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under 18 Date: _____

Participant Name (Please Print):		
Name of Parent or Guardian:		
Daytime Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()	Evening Phone: ()
Contact person (other than parent) in case of emergency:		Phone:

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