

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

In consideration of the services of North Wash Outfitters llp., their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NWO"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge NWO, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

- 1. I acknowledge that Rock Climbing and Canyoneering 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 or other objects dislodged or thrown from above; the use of climbing ropes and equipment; robe burns; pinches, scrapes, twists and jolts that could result in scratches, bruises, sprains, lacerations, fractures, concussions, or even more severe life threatening hazards; the forces of nature, flash floods; the risk of falling off the rock or mountain; the risk of altitude and cold including hypothermia and frostbite; exposure to potentially dangerous wild animals, insect bites, and hazardous plant life; travel in remote areas with poor or no access to emergency and/or medical services; my own physical condition, and the physical exertion associated with this activity.

Furthermore, NWO employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participants 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 NWO 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 NWO's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of NWO.**
- 4. Should NWO 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 NWO, I agree to do so solely in the state of Utah, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in the 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 portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property 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 NWO on the basis of any claim which I have released them herein.**

**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.**

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 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 NWO to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless NWO from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use of participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_