The White Mountain School Climbing Camp
Release/Indemnification of All Claims for Wilderness Sports & Activities

No student/participant will be allowed to participate in wilderness sports or activities until this form is signed and dated by the student/participant and, where the student/participant is under the age of 18, by a parent or legal guardian.

Participant’s Name: (print)________________________________________

Notice: This is a legally binding agreement. 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 or death to yourself, your child or your property, however caused, arising out of participation in summer program sports/activities now or any time in the future.

White Mountain Climbing Camp (WMS) offers many opportunities for participation in Wilderness, Team Sports and Activities. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, backpacking, rock climbing, hiking, indoor climbing, mountain biking, flatwater paddling, whitewater paddling, soccer, and such other activities WMS may add to its program.

We do not wish to reduce your interest or enthusiasm for any activities; however, we do believe that it is important that you understand that there are risks inherent in each sport/activity. For some sports/activities, the inherent risks contribute to the sport’s/activity’s unique character.

Although in our experience serious injuries and illnesses resulting from these activities are rare, you should read this document carefully before signing it so that you are aware of many of those risks and aware that there may be risks not identified herein. Risks could cause illness, serious injury, permanent disability, psychological trauma or death.

If you do not understand the nature or potential for risk in any paragraph below, you should speak with an instructor/coach or administrator. The word “activities” includes “sports.”

● Outdoor activities pose weather/temperature related risks which include, but are not limited to, sunburn, lightning, heat stroke, frostbite, hypothermia, dehydration, ice-related injuries including falling on ice and falling ice, avalanche and other extreme conditions, including high winds and severe rain or snow storms.

● Outdoor activities pose risks from terrain that include, but are not limited to, unstable footing, falling rocks or other objects, falling against rocks or other objects, deep water, moving water, steep slopes and slippery conditions and dangers such as holes and hazards, including hazards covered or obscured by water, snow, debris, darkness, rain, fog or other conditions.

● Outdoor activities pose risks which include, but are not limited to, poisonous plants, insects, snakes, rabid animals, animal attacks and trampling by large animals.

● Outdoor and indoor activities pose risks which include, but are not limited to, falling to and impact with the ground, sometimes from significant heights. There are also risks when falling but not falling completely to the ground such as injury from safety equipment, rocks, indoor climbing holds/surfaces, trees and contact with other people, including people who may be attempting to break your fall. There may also be the risk of falling to, and impact with, water from heights or otherwise impacting water with force. Water also poses the risk of drowning.

● Some activities pose risks associated with speed, including excessive speed, normal speed or slow speed.

● Wilderness activities often pose risks from failing to follow instructions on the decontamination of water from stream, pond, lake and river water and other sources when such sources are used for drinking water. Improper
decontamination of water used for drinking poses the risk of serious illness or death.

- Wilderness activities are often conducted distant from medical services and in locations that are difficult to reach. This may cause delay in contacting authorities in the event of a medical/rescue emergency and delay of rescue/medical teams in reaching you for assistance.

- All activities pose risks from equipment failure, collision with and/or tripping over equipment, malfunction of equipment, loss of equipment, improper use of equipment and failure to follow instructions/guidelines regarding proper equipment/use of equipment. Normal use of equipment may cause injuries as well.

- Many activities frequently require travel to off-campus sites, with the risks inherent in travel by car, bus, airplane and other transportation means.

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**Acknowledgement of Risk** I hereby acknowledge and agree that the activities noted above, as well as other summer program-related activities, have inherent risks. I acknowledge that I/my child am/is responsible for my/his/her own safety in these activities. We, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) and student participant agree that the summer program may set specific conditions on my participation in these activities which include, but are not limited to, limitations based upon scheduling, academic, social, behavioral or safety concerns. We agree to abide by the conditions established by the White Mountain Climbing Camp.

I further acknowledge that the above listing of risks is provided as an aid to help me/us understand the types of potential risks but that this document does not state all possible risks associated with wilderness or team sports or activities, and that the list in no way limits the reach of this release and indemnification agreement.

**Release/Indemnification** In consideration if my/my child’s participation in any of the aforementioned activities, I/we the undersigned agree to release and on behalf of myself, my child, my/my child's heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns HEREBY DO RELEASE White Mountain Climbing Camp, its officers, agents and employees from any cause of action, claims or demands of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to a claim of negligence, which I/my child, my/my child’s heirs, representatives executors, administrators and assigns may now have, or have in the future against The WMS on account of personal injury, property damage, death, illness or accident of any kind arising out of or in any way related to my/my child’s participation in the above or other school-related activities, howsoever the injury or damage is caused, including but not limited to the negligence of The WMS.

I further certify that I/my child is in good health and that my child has no physical or other limitations that would preclude safe participation in the above and other summer program-related activities.

I understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and I certify that, after having carefully read it, I am signing this of my own free will.

I fully understand that this means that neither White Mountain Climbing Camp nor any of its faculty, employees, or agents shall be liable for any injury, loss or damage occasioned as a result of my/my child's participation in wilderness sports, or other summer program activities.
Participant’s signature__________________________________________ Date_________________

Participant’s signature is required.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature__________________________________ Date_________________

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signature(s) is also required for any participant under the age of 18.