

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

RISKS AND HAZARDS STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND RELEASE

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees to the following statements:

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ (herein "participant") expect and intend to participate in the projects located in the Utah area sponsored by Utah Valley University \_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_ school year, following the execution of this Statement of Understanding and Release.
2. In consideration of the University's sponsorship and direction of the activity, and his/her participation, participant hereby states that he/she has read and fully understands the Risks and Hazards Statement which is included herein and releases and discharges the State of Utah, the University, and their officers, agents and employees and volunteers from any and all claims, damages, losses or injuries connected therewith, including, but not limited to, any loss, damage or injury suffered by participant or others, as a result of failure to obey safety regulations or resulting from the exercise of the activity coordinator or other individuals acting in good faith response to emergencies and exigencies on this activity whether at the University or any other location.
3. Participant further agrees and understands that during the activity, he/she will be under the direction of the instructor or director approved by Utah Valley University and specifically agrees to comply with all reasonable directions and instructions by the instructor or director during the course thereof.
4. Participant understands and acknowledges that there are specific risks of injury to person and/or property that are associated with activity, including risks related to travel hazards, terrain, weather, eating and sleeping arrangements, and other circumstances. Participant also acknowledges that he/she understands that the activity could have but is not limited to the following risks:

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All projects are considered voluntary participation only and participants must have personal accident injury insurance to participate. Participant specifically assumes and prepares for the risks associated with such conditions.

5. Participant certifies and represents that if he/she drives a personal vehicle to, from, and/or during the activity, the vehicle must be covered throughout the period of the activity by a motor vehicle liability insurance policy, currently in effect, with limits of coverage and

liability that satisfy the requirements of the Utah Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, 1952 Utah Code Anno. 41-12-1 et seq.

6. Participant understands and acknowledges that Utah Valley University assumes no liability for personal injuries or property damages to participants or to third parties arising out of activity, except to the extent that such liability is imposed by law. Participant agrees to indemnify and to save harmless, the State of Utah, the University and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any claim or liability arising out of the acts or omissions of the participant during any such activity, subject to any limitations or restrictions against such indemnification that are imposed by law.
7. Participant understands and acknowledges that there may be unsupervised times before, during, or after the hours of the sponsored activity. It is understood that during this time participants will conduct themselves as responsible individuals as well as adhere to all applicable laws and statutes in effect. Failure to comply with this section may result in physical harm or property loss due to hazards beyond the University's control. Failure to comply may also result in expulsion from the activity. The University will not be responsible for any such acts nor any costs resulting from expulsion from the activity.
8. The participant hereby understands that he/she shall arrange for appropriate personal health insurance coverage (e.g., hospital/medical insurance, student health insurance, etc.) during the period of the activity. The participant agrees and understands that he/she will be personally responsible for any medical costs incurred during this activity.
9. I agree not to use any illegal drugs or alcohol while undertaking this activity with Utah Valley University and to abide by all provisions of Utah Valley University Student Rights & Responsibilities Code.
10. In case of emergency contact, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or spouse phone

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

**Persons under the age of 18 years may participate on day trips without permission from the Utah Valley University Division of Risk Management if a parent or guardian reads and signs this form.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian