

WILLIAMS LAKE FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INFORMED CONSENT and ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FOR CHILDREN UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE OR ADULT FAMILY PERSONS

**WARNING!**  
By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue. Please read carefully.

**DISCLAIMER**

This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the programs, activities and events of the Williams Lake Field Naturalists Club and the Federation of BC Naturalists, the undersigned on behalf of his/her minor children, or other adult person (dependent, grandparent or of some other familial relationship), acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

The Williams Lake Field Naturalists Club and the Federation of BC Naturalists and their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a participating child/person during, or as a result of, any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the programs, activities and events of the Organization.

**DESCRIPTION OF RISKS**

**My child (children), or another adult family member, is/are participating voluntarily in the activities, events and programs of the Organization with my consent. In consideration of my child's (children's), or other adult family member's, participation in the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to any such programs, activities and events of the Organization and that they may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:**

- a) Field trips and outings;
- b) Nature walks;
- c) Bird counts and watching;
- d) Road cleanup;
- e) Animal attacks, including but not limited to, bears, cougars and snakes;
- f) Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke, hypothermia, frostbite, or lightning strikes;
- g) Inhalation of viruses or infections including but not limited to, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome;
- h) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques including climbing and hiking;
- i) Vigorous physical exertion;
- j) Grass, turf and other surfaces including bacterial infections and rashes;
- k) Falling to the ground due to uneven, slippery, steep, rocky or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- l) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- m) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed; and
- n) Travel to and from activities, events and programs.

**Furthermore, I am aware:**

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe;
- b) That they may experience anxiety while challenging themselves during the activities, events and programs;
- c) That the risk of injury is reduced if I/they follow all rules established for participation; and
- d) That the risk of injury increases as they become fatigued or otherwise stressed.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

1. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:

- a) That I do not know of any medical condition that could make it unwise for my child, or other adult person, to participate in the club's activities, events or programs.
- b) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my child's - or the other adult persons - participation in such activities, events and programs;
- c) To forever release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my child's participation, or other adult person's participation, in the activities, events and programs of the Organization.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

2. I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and understand it, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and representatives. **NOTE:** If more than two children add names below, within the margins, and sign for each.

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of other adult family member(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature by other family member or signature on their behalf \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_