

Risk Advisory Statement and Parent/Guardian approval

Print Name _____
(Participant)

Troop/Crew # _____ YHAO Start Date _____
(Circle one) (mm/dd/yy)

In consideration of the services of The Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost, its agents, employees, trustees, officers, contractors and all other persons or entities associated with it (collectively referred to as "YHAO"), I agree as follows:

Although YHAO has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled staff for the course so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, I acknowledge that this activity has risks, including certain risks which cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can be causes of loss or damage to my equipment, accidental injury, illness or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, disability or death. I understand that YHAO does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but thinks it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the activities' inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

YHAO treks live, camp and travel out of doors, where they are subject to numerous risks, environmental and otherwise. Activities vary from course to course, and include hiking and backpacking, mountaineering, climbing and descending glaciers and rock and ice cliffs, whitewater and sea kayaking, rafting, canoeing, skiing, fishing, and caving.

YHAO treks occur in remote places, many days from medical facilities. Communication and transportation are difficult and sometimes evacuations and medical care may be significantly delayed.

Meals are prepared over gas stoves and open fires. Water often requires disinfection before use. Camping risks and hazards include burns, cuts, diarrhea and flu-like illness, and falling timber.

Travel is by vehicle, raft, canoe, kayak, sail and other boats, skis and on foot and by other means, over rugged unpredictable off-trail terrain, including boulder fields, downed timber, rivers, rapids, river crossings, high mountain passes, snow and ice, steep slopes, slippery rocks, and steep crevassed glaciers. Attendant risks include collision, falling, capsizing, drowning and others usually associated with such travel, as well as environmental risks.

Environmental risks and hazards include rapidly moving, deep or cold water; insects, snakes, and predators, including large animals; falling and rolling rock; lightning, avalanches, flash floods, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather which may change to extreme conditions without notice. Possible injuries and illnesses include hypothermia, frostbite, high altitude illnesses, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions.

Decisions are made by the instructor and participants in a wilderness setting, based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations which by their nature are imprecise and subject to errors in judgment. Throughout the trek, participants are responsible for their own safety and for the safety of other members of their course.

I am aware that YHAO treks include risks of injury or death to myself. I understand the description above of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in property loss, injury or death. I agree to assume responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of YHAO has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I possess at least the following qualifications, which are prerequisites to my participation in this activity:

I have read and understand the following: The General and Safety Information in the YHAO section of the leader's guide, the General Information, and the Physical Conditioning information.

I have verified with my physician and other medical professionals that I have no past or current physical or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the course, other than as described on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record

I represent that I am fully capable of participating in this activity, without causing harm to myself or others. Therefore, I, and my parent(s) or guardian, if I am a minor, have read, understood the risk advisory statement.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Student)

If the participant is under 18, I am signing as a parent or guardian to reflect that I have also read and understand the risk advisory statement and give my permission for my child to participate in the programs of the Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Parent or Guardian)

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