

**Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences**

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, and ACKNOWLEDGMENT of RISK for OFF-CAMPUS FIELD ASSIGNMENTS**

*[ please print your name on the line below ]*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as "Participant") understand this is a legal document and, in consideration of the services provided by Texas A&M University, its officers, employees, agents, or representatives (herein referred to as "Texas A&M University") as part of \_\_\_\_\_ (course title, herein referred to as "Field Assignment") hereby agree to release and discharge Texas A&M University, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

1. I understand and acknowledge that the Field Assignment that I voluntarily expect and intend to engage in as a participant can include travel hazards and other hazards inherent in outdoor activities and bears certain known and unanticipated risks from: walking on road and trails, rock or snow slides, animals, insects, other people, and vegetation which could result in damage to or loss of property, illness or disease, physical or mental injury, or death to myself or other persons. Injuries that may occur from participating in this Field Assignment include, but are not limited to: cuts, bruises, sprained joints, broken bones, psychological trauma, loss of extremity, infection, gastral disease, hypothermia, frostbite, heat injury, animal/insect bites, dehydration, and death from injury or drowning while participating in scheduled and unscheduled activities related to the outdoor environment, vehicular and/or foot travel, terrain, and weather. My participation in this Field Assignment is purely voluntary and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
2. Being aware that this Field Assignment entails known and unknown risks of injury to myself or other persons as a result of my actions, I expressly agree, covenant and promise to accept and assume all responsibility and risk of injury, illness, disease, death to myself or damage to and destruction of property arising from my participation in this Field Assignment.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Texas A&M University, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of actions, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this Field Assignment, for any and all injury, illness, disease, or death to myself or damage to my property.
4. I understand that transportation in connection with the Field Assignment may be provided through voluntary use of private vehicles and that the owners and operators of such vehicles are not agents or employees of Texas A&M University. I assume full responsibility for the selection and use of my own transportation in connection with the Field Assignment and hereby release Texas A&M University from all responsibility and liability for any injury or damage which may arise from this transportation.
5. I certify that I am physically and mentally capable of participating in this Field Assignment as described in the classroom and course outline. I agree to use no alcohol or any controlled substances while participating in the Field Assignment.

My signature below indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms.

(Sign in ink)

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 201 \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_