

Nevada Outdoor School
Participant Agreement
(Including Assumption of Risk, Media Release, COVID-19 Waiver and Agreement of Release and Indemnity)

Name of Participant (Print)

Nevada Outdoor School Program

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Please read this document carefully. All participants must sign this agreement. If the participant is a minor (under 18 years of age), at least one parent or guardian must sign, as evidence of Parent's acknowledgement and agreement to the following, on Parent's behalf and on behalf of the minor student.

The Participant, and Parent if student is a minor, in consideration of participating in the Nevada Outdoor School program, acknowledges and agrees as follows:

Acknowledgement of Activities and Assumption of Risk

I understand that NOS has attempted to provide its participants with appropriate equipment and skilled staff for its programs (educational, volunteer and community events, field trips, fundraisers, and summer camps). Nevertheless, the activities of the programs have certain inherent risks. Inherent risks are those that cannot be eliminated without fundamentally altering the unique character of the Program. These risks can cause loss or damage to equipment, accidental injury, illness, or, in extreme cases, permanent trauma, disability or death. NOS does not want to frighten its participants or reduce their enthusiasm, but considers it important for them and their families 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:

- Environmental and Other Outdoor Risks: Many programs involve living, camping, and traveling out of doors. Activities may vary from program to program and may be strenuous, physically and emotionally. These activities include hiking/walking/running, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, and swimming. Environmental risks and hazards include water, insects, snakes, and other large animals; drowning, sunburn and heat stroke, dehydration, hypothermia, and other mild or serious conditions or injuries; falling and rolling rocks, lightning, and unpredictable forces of nature (including weather that may change to extreme conditions without notice.
- NOS' programs sometimes occur in remote places, perhaps many days from medical facilities. Communication and transportation may be difficult and evacuation and medical care may be significantly delayed.
- Equipment may fail or malfunction, despite reasonable maintenance and use.

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- Camping risks and hazards may include burns, cuts, scrapes, slips, falls, lifting, diarrhea, and flu-like symptoms.
- Travel by vehicle, foot, and other means of transportation may be over improved or unimproved roads, rugged trails, and off-terrain. Travel risks may include collision, falling, drowning, capsizing, and others usually associated with such travel.
- COVID-19 presents possible risk of exposure at any gathering of people. NOS has taken steps to lessen these risks through program leader and participant guidelines.

I have read and agree to **Nevada Outdoor School's COVID-19 Participant Waiver**

Media Release

One of the best ways to explain our mission of inspiring exploration of the natural world is by telling our story through the photographs, writing, artwork, and testimonials or our programs participants. We may occasionally use these items in our promotional materials (e.g., brochures, newsletters, annual report, websites etc.)

I agree that any electronic media records of myself or my child taken by NOS, or any video, writing, artwork, and/or testimonial created by my child and submitted to NOS, shall become property of NOS, and may be used by NOS or our partners for marketing and/or advertising purposes, and I hereby consent to and authorize such use.

Release and Indemnification

Nevada Outdoor School (NOS) is authorized to obtain or provide emergency hospitalization, surgical or other medical care, and apply sunscreen for me, or for the minor Participant. Any such third-party medical care provider is authorized to exchange important medical information with NOS. Reasonable costs associated with medical services, including evacuation, shall be the responsibility of the participant.

THE PARTICIPANT OR THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ITS TERMS, WHICH SHALL BE BINDING TO THEM. THE PARTICIPANT OR THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR STUDENT AGREES TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS NEVADA OUTDOOR SCHOOL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE SHARED THE RISKS IN THIS AGREEMENT WITH THEIR MINOR PARTICIPANT.

Participant Name

Age

Participant Signature (If participant is under 18,
Parent/Guardian must sign)

____/____/____
Date