**HIKING RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**Please read and be certain you understand the implications of joining events sponsored, co-sponsored, or represented by Hiking Buddies.**

 **Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Hiking and Related Activities**

I hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed there are inherent hazards and risks associated with hiking, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites, in which I am about to engage. I have taken it upon myself to educate myself on risks. Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

* Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for permanent disability and death.
* Falling, causing broken bones severe injuries to the head, neck and back which may result in severe impairment or even death.
* All "act of nature," including but not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lighting, severe and or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
* Risks associated with crossing, climbing or down-climbing of rock, snow and/or ice.
* Risks associated with river crossings, fordings, or portaging.
* Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction of my own or others' equipment, which may have been rented, borrowed, or personally owned.
* My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including employees, agents, independent contractors or representatives of including but not limited to operator failure.
* Cold weather and heat related injuries and illness including but not limited to frostnip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia, choking, and dehydration.
* Attack by or encounter with insects, reptiles, and/or animals.
* Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
* Fatigue chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident
* My sense of balance, physical coordination, and ability to follow instructions.
* Covid19 exposure and potential exposure to other disease.

**\*I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in Injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement ini consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in hiking and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE, the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees. Hiking Buddes, Ben Pease, Lynn Swezey, William Pelletier, Philip Defeo, Julie Saccardo.

 2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers, from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By participating in the activity, I fully agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of engaging in the above activities.

3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement. This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY ATTENDING THE EVENT, AND I ATTEND FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: This is to certify that Parent, Guardian, or Adult Over The Age Of 18 Who Brings Someone Under The Age Of 18 maintains, and agrees to fully maintain, legal responsibility for this participant, and do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.