

AAROE Survival and Wilderness Travel Adventures

Participant Waiver, Release of Liability, and Acknowledgment of Risk

Effective as of: [April 18, 2025]

This waiver and release of liability (the “Agreement”) is entered into by the undersigned participant (“I”, “me”, or “Participant”) and AAROE Survival and Wilderness Travel Adventures (“AAROE”, “we”, “our”, or “us”) in connection with participation in any and all AAROE programs, workshops, events, survival courses, cultural teachings, nature-based retreats, or wilderness excursions (collectively, the “Experiences”).

By signing this Agreement, I agree to the following:

1. Assumption of Risk

I understand that participation in AAROE’s Experiences involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- Physical exertion and injury
- Exposure to changing weather and environmental conditions
- Encounters with wildlife, rough terrain, fire, or water hazards
- Use of tools, survival gear, and traditional crafting materials
- Emotional or spiritual content related to cultural teachings

I freely and voluntarily assume all such risks, known and unknown, and accept full responsibility for my participation, including any injury, illness, property loss, or other damages.

2. Release of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive, release, and discharge AAROE, its owners, staff, instructors, volunteers, partners, and affiliates from any and all liability for:

- Personal injury, death, illness, emotional distress
- Property loss or damage
- Claims arising from negligence, gross negligence, or breach of statutory duty

This waiver applies to any claims arising out of or in connection with participation in any AAROE Experience, whether arising before, during, or after the event.

3. Fitness to Participate

I certify that I am physically, mentally, and emotionally capable of participating in the Experience. I have disclosed (or will disclose prior to participation) any medical conditions, allergies, or limitations that may affect my safety or participation.

I agree to follow all safety instructions provided by AAROE facilitators and understand that refusal to follow guidelines may result in removal from the program without refund.

4. Youth Participants

If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign this Agreement on their behalf. I accept full responsibility for the minor's participation and safety and agree to all terms herein.

5. Cultural Sensitivity and Respect

I acknowledge that some AAROE Experiences may include Métis and Indigenous cultural teachings. I agree to engage respectfully and with an open mind. I understand that teachings shared are not to be recorded or reproduced without permission, and I commit to honoring the cultural integrity of these practices.

6. Cancellation and Refund Policy

I have read and agree to the AAROE Cancellation and Refund Policy, which is incorporated into this Agreement. I understand that:

- **Cancellations more than 14 days in advance qualify for a full refund minus 5% processing fee.**
- **Cancellations between 7–13 days before the event qualify for a 50% refund or credit.**

- Cancellations less than 7 days prior, or no-shows, do not qualify for refund or credit.
 - Events may proceed in various weather conditions, and AAROE reserves the right to cancel or modify for safety reasons.
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7. Photo and Media Consent (Optional)

☐ *I give permission for AAROE to take photos/videos during the Experience for use in promotional materials, social media, or educational purposes.*

☐ *I do NOT consent to photo or video use.*

8. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta and the applicable laws of Canada. Any legal dispute shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction in Alberta.

9. Acknowledgment of Understanding

I acknowledge that I have read this entire Agreement, understand its contents, and sign it freely and voluntarily. I am aware that by signing this document I am waiving certain legal rights, including the right to sue.

Participant Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If participant is under 18:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____