OUTBACK HIKING CLUB WAIVER

The Outback Hiking Club (the "Club") exists to enable those interested in hiking southern Utah and other southwestern wilderness areas the opportunity. Hiking (and traveling to and from the area) is often hazardous and can result in equipment damage, severe injury and even death. In order to facilitate the hiker who may not be familiar with an area the club relies on volunteer hike leaders ("leaders".) These leaders, it is emphasized, are volunteers and in no way intend to hold themselves out as professional guides. In return for the opportunity to participate in activities with the OHCSU I agree to the following conditions of participation.

1. Assumption of the risk: I understand that in undertaking the hike I am responsible for my safety. This includes providing proper equipment (including food and water) and responsibility for my physical health and conditioning. If I have any question as to my capacity to undertake a hike I realize that it is my responsibility to not participate.
In order to accept this responsibility knowingly I attest that I have read the following general risks that can be expected on any individual hike in this region. The risks include (but are not limited to): rough and exposed terrain and the risk of a fall from a height and possible injury or death; adverse weather including lightening storms and the risk of electrical injury or death, unexpected snow or ice and the risk of hypothermia with resulting injury or death, high temperatures and the risk of heat stroke or heat exhaustion and resulting injury or death, the risk of venomous or stinging animals and resulting injury or death from envenomation or anaphylaxis, the risk of myocardial infarction or cardiovascular or cardiopulmonary collapse and resulting disability or death, the risk of a fall with fracture or closed head injury or neck and spinal trauma resulting in injury or death, the risk of rock falls with resulting injury or death, the risk of drowning with resulting disability or death, the risk of quicksand and flooding with resulting injury or death. I also understand that there are other risks that may not be foreseeable to the leader at the beginning of the hike and I accept that the risk of these unforeseen dangers is my sole responsibility.

2. Liability release: I agree to release the club and all officers and leaders from liability for any injury (including death) that I might sustain while participating in a club activity. I further voluntarily agree to release the club and officers and leaders for any economic harm that I might sustain while participating in a club-sponsored activity. I agree that I will not bring suit against volunteer leaders or the club as a result of economic loss or physical harm that occurs in conjunction with club sponsored activity.

3. Meaning of Signature: By signing this waiver I knowingly agree to assume any potential risk that might result from a club sponsored activity. I further acknowledge by signing that I understand fully and completely the contents of the waiver and sign under no compulsion. The signing of this form hereby binds me to the above waiver whenever I hike with the Outback Hiking Club or participate in any other activities with the Club.

_____ /_____ Date: _____
Print Name Signature

Parent/Guardian Release: I am the parent or guardian of a minor participating in a club sponsored activity and after reading the above waiver with full understanding I voluntarily accept the risk on behalf of the minor for whom I have legal responsibility.

Participant's Name: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____