

**Liability Waiver and Statement of Responsibility**

**Hobart and William Smith Colleges Pre-Orientation Adventure Program**

**Acknowledgement of risk, waiver, and release. This form must be completed by all participants 18 years and older. After notification of acceptance to the program, please sign and return to the Hobart Deans' Office.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned hereby apply to participate in all activities in connection with the PreOrientation Adventure Program as part of the COLLEGE OF THE SENECAS, INC. (HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES) Pre-Orientation Program and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my participation in the above activities and my participation in said activities and use of any equipment or materials related to such activities may result in my injury, illness, or death and damage to or loss of my personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risks and dangers and I hereby fully acknowledge and accept these risks and dangers.

I am in good health and I am at or above the minimum age of 18 required to participate in this activity and I am able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

**I herewith release, forever discharge and waive any right of recovery or subrogation against COLLEGE OF THE SENECAS, INC. (HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES), its officers, directors, employees and volunteers from any and all liability whatsoever for any illness or injury, including death or damage to or loss of my personal property that I may sustain while I am participating in this program. This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my participation in the activity shall first be submitted to arbitration and/or be venued in the Supreme Court of the state of New York of Seneca County, the choice of which shall be at the sole discretion of HWS.**

Please remember that the Hobart and William Smith College's Pre-Orientation Adventure Program:

- Is an entirely voluntary program.
- Is a wilderness-oriented program that removes the students and group leaders from everyday life into an outdoor setting. Expect that you will carry all of your own equipment over rugged terrain for miles each day and cope with whatever the weather brings. There will be no electricity or bathroom facilities, you will be in the woods!
- Does not guarantee the use of HWS equipment as there is a limited supply available to borrow. Some people will be able to borrow sleeping bags, pads, and tents, but expect that you will need your own gear, please see the packing list for more information. All group equipment will be provided. Please see the Equipment Request Form.
- Is available to all new first year HWS students, you will be in a group with diverse backgrounds.
- Is absolutely drug and alcohol free.
- Students are expected to participate fully in trip activities and conduct themselves at all times in a responsible manner.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE OR I ACKNOWLEDGE, IF VERIFIED BELOW BY THE INSTRUCTOR, THAT I HAVE HAD THIS DOCUMENT READ TO ME AT MY REQUEST AND BY SIGNING IT I AGREE IT IS MY INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INDICATED ACTIVITY AND I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT ALL THE RISKS INVOLVED.**

Participant's Full Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Full Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be kept in HWS files for seven (7) years from date of activity.**