



*Youth Development through the
Mountain Experience*

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Parent/Guardian Information, Consent, and Liability Release

Mountain travel poses some risk. Severe injuries and serious acute illnesses are rare among hikers and backpackers, but there is no guarantee that they will not occur. J.U.M.P.'s first priority is to keep its participants safe and well, but mountains are unpredictable environments. You must agree not to hold J.U.M.P. Inc. or any of its volunteer leaders legally liable in the event of your child's or charge's injury, illness, or death while participating in a J.U.M.P. outing.

Mountain travel also involves prolonged physical exertion, and exposure to unpredictable weather. For reasons of safety, it is imperative that participants follow instructions. If there is a physical, medical, or behavioral reason why your child or charge should not take part in this type of activity, or requires special accommodations of any kind in order to participate safely, it is your responsibility to inform us prior to his or her attending any J.U.M.P. activity.

Emergency Communications

J.U.M.P. participants may not bring cell phones on our hikes. You will not be able to phone or "text" your child or charge once he or she is on the trail.

Our trip leaders carry a cell phone, fully charged and switched off, in a weatherproof case. In the event of a participant's serious injury or illness, we will commence our emergency care and evacuation procedure, supervised by at least one J.U.M.P. leader certified in wilderness first aid and CPR. We will try to use the cell phone to expedite the evacuation, but there is a high probability that it will not work in the mountain terrain. This means that one of our leaders will need to hike to the trailhead to activate a rescue. The rule of thumb for patient-evacuation time is one hour for every quarter-mile from the trailhead, once the rescue party has reached the ill or injured hiker.

If you have questions about any aspect of our mountain outings, it is vital that you contact us. We need you to be fully informed.

I have read and understood this document, and accept all of its provisions.

Name: (please print) _____

Relationship to Participant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____