

RU OUTDOORS

GENERAL POLICIES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

INVOLVEMENT We ask that participants come fully prepared to be involved in their program. RU Outdoor trips function as group experiences. Understand that it is our goal to accommodate the majority of the participants. Compromises will be made according to group dynamics but safety issues are not negotiable. We also ask that you support and share in all group decision making. Sexual relationships are strongly discouraged during trips. The group leader reserves the right to make tenting and travel assignments to encourage group dynamics. The University strives to provide an educational environment that is free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment in any form is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any capacity. Participants are governed by the codes of conduct as stated in the current student, faculty, and staff handbooks, as well as applicable state and federal laws.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUG USE The use of these substances is incompatible with the safety standards of RU Outdoors, and we ask each participant to sign a non-use of drugs and alcohol statement in our waiver. The use of such substances and or drugs will mean automatic suspension from and immediate dismissal from the current trip and all future RU Outdoors programs. Impairment decisions will be made in the sole professional judgment of the trip leader. The leader will make a good faith effort to remove the impaired participant from danger.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS The possession, storage or use of ammunition, firearms, explosives, or weapons, without, the expressed written permission of the university is prohibited.

MINIMUM IMPACT RU Outdoors operates based upon the principles set forth by the “Leave No Trace” (LNT) program. All participants are given a handout and we ask that all participants consciously and cooperatively follow these guidelines.

LEADER/INSTRUCTORS RU Outdoors provides experienced, professional, and competent leaders for all their programs. We ask that participants respect and support their leaders’ judgment and authority. Participants are responsible for their behavior and are expected to act in an appropriate manner. Again, the group leader reserves the right to make tenting and travel assignments to encourage the group dynamic, as well as, decisions pertaining group safety.

DISMISSAL The RU Outdoors staff makes every good faith effort to provide and enjoyable trip. Participants will assume the responsibility for the decisions affecting their safety, however the trip leaders have final authority, including the power to dismiss any participants whose conduct is detrimental to the self, group, or others. Any participant who is dismissed for conduct reasons will be delivered back to safety, but will be responsible for any additional expense incurred due to their dismissal. Additionally, they will be solely responsible for their travel arrangements and expenses once returned to a safe point of departure.

TRANSPORATION Transportation is included in trip cost unless otherwise stated. Driving is done by RU Outdoors trip leaders.

PHOTO RELEASE I _____ (print your name) give my permission to be photographed and or filmed during this RU Outdoors trip. I understand that this photo may be used in a promotional video or flyer to help promote awareness of the RU Outdoors program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____