

VISITOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS
for the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

In consideration of the services of Appalachian Bible Fellowship, Inc.; Appalachian Bible College, Inc.; Alpine Ministries; Alpine Adventures; Alpine Bible Camp; their officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns (hereinafter "Alpine"), I agree as follows:

Although Alpine has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, Alpine has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of these activities and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. Alpine does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

The risks of my participation in HIKING, RAPPELLING, or ROCK CLIMBING include slipping or falling from or onto rocks, in mud, or on other slippery surfaces; the dangers of travel on steep and narrow paths and trails; collisions with people, objects, and obstacles on or near the paths, trails, or elsewhere; injury from falling rocks or other objects; the failure of equipment; exposure to inclement weather; allergic or other adverse reactions to insects and plants; exposure to animals; the dangers associated with my lessened performance when exhausted; the poor or incorrect decisions of other participants and of guides; injuries occurring in remote places without immediately available medical care or other assistance; and other known and unknown risks and dangers.

I am aware that HIKING, RAPPELLING, and ROCK CLIMBING entails risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those risks not specifically identified. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I acknowledge that engaging in these activities may require a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of Alpine has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of these activities and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with these activities.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in these activities. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my negligence in participating in these activities.

I have carefully read, clearly understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and for all members of my family, including minor children.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if participant is under 18 years of age.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____