

LIABILITY RELEASE WAIVER

AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT - READ CAREFULLY

(Please print all names and other text legibly)



I, _____, hereby release the members of the Six Ridges Grotto, both individually and collectively, as well as their agents and guests, the National Speleological Society, and all landowners and agents of landowners of any property on which I engage in the sport of cave exploring, or any training in or practice of skills or techniques related to the sport of cave exploring. This Release covers all activities in which I engage with, through, or because of the Six Ridges Grotto, and includes all claims whatsoever for damage for bodily injury or dismemberment, wrongful death, or property damage. This Release is not intended to, and does not release any automobile liability insurance carrier from any liability for which any released party may otherwise be liable. This release is given on my behalf and on behalf of my heirs and my assigns and any one else who may claim through me or because of me.

I understand that there are numerous risks associated with the sport of cave exploring, both in caves and in going to and from caves. I understand that some of those risks include, but are not limited to, natural processes such as rock falls and flooding, dangers of falling or becoming lost, the risk of hypothermia or disease, the risk of equipment failure or equipment misuse, and the dangers of improper technique or the improper application of proper technique. I understand that there are many other risks involved in cave exploring, and this listing is only an illustrative sampling that is not, and is not intended to be, a complete catalog of all the risks that I am assuming.

I understand and assume the risk of death or injury involved in the sport of cave exploring. I understand it is my responsibility to evaluate my own skills and any equipment that I may use and to satisfy myself that I am capable of undertaking any cave exploring activities in which I choose to participate.

This release is effective, not only in the State of Tennessee, but also in any other place where I engage in eave exploring or activities related to cave exploring with or through the Six Ridges Grotto or with any of its individual members. One of the considerations for which this Release is given is the privilege of engaging in cave exploring and related activities with the Six Ridges Grotto and its individual members. Another consideration is that the copies of this Release signed by the individual members of the Six Ridges Grotto are mutual and reciprocal and that potential claims against me are given up by the signing of those Releases. This Release is intended to be severable, and, should any term be held invalid, all other terms shall remain in full force and effect.

This Release shall not be considered to be a charge for admission by any landowner herein released.

This Release is intended to release all claims for damage unconditionally and without reservation. In the event that I, or anyone claiming by or through me, make such claim, including litigation or the threat of litigation, I, or the person claiming through me, shall indemnify any and all released parties and save them harmless from all costs, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs of defense.

This release shall be deemed renewed each time that I engage in any of the activities for which this Release is given.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE CAREFULLY AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

This, the _____ day of _____ 20____.

SIGNATURE OF PARTY GRANTING RELEASE

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE#: _____

**ADOPTION AND RATIFICATION OF RELEASE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF MINOR
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I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of, _____, a minor, have read the Release set out on the front of this document. I understand the terms of the Release and its legal effect in giving up all claims for injury on the part of said minor and all persons claiming through him or her for damages for any activities arising from the minor's activities with or through the Six Ridges Grotto. I understand that the Release gives up all claims against Six Ridges Grotto, its individual members and guests, the National Speleological Society, and the owners of caves and their agents.

By my signature, I adopt and ratify the acceptance of the Release by the minor, my ward, and, in my capacity as parent or guardian of the minor I do agree to all terms and conditions of the Release. I understand that the Release is continuing, and that it is automatically renewed each time the minor takes part in activities for which the Release is given.

This, the _____ day of _____ 20____.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

WITNESS