

CHINOOK OUTDOOR CLUB, LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

Membership and Waiver/Guest Waiver of Claim

Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you wish to have your e-mail published in the Club Contact List? yes ____ no ____

Next-of-kin: _____ Telephone: _____

Address (if different from above) _____

_____ Postal Code: _____

**** NOTICE ****

Exclusion of Liability and Assumption of Risk. Please Read Carefully!

Please check the appropriate option:

I wish to apply for Membership in the Chinook Outdoor Club, hereinafter called " the Club".

I desire to participate as a Guest and Non-Member of the Chinook Outdoor Club in a trip or outing of the Chinook Outdoor Club on the _____ day of _____ 20 _____.

I have read and understand the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Club as set out on page 2.

I am in good health and mentally and physically capable of participating in any outings with the Club. I acknowledge that there may be inherent risks, hazards and dangers associated with hiking, rock and mountain climbing, skiing, mountain touring, camping, caving or other outings with the Club which can result in bodily injury, death and damage or loss to personal property.

As condition of my membership in the Club/my participation in the Club outing, I assume for myself and all minors that I may bring, all risk of personal injury, death or property damage or loss resulting from any cause whatsoever including but not limited to the inherent risks of skiing, mountaineering, hiking, climbing and all other activities and outdoor pursuits of the Club or negligence on the part of the Club, any of its officers, coordinators or members. I agree that the Club and its officers, members and coordinators shall not be liable for any such personal injury, death or property damage or loss and I hereby release the Club, its officers and coordinators, and waive all claims with respect thereto. The Club's liability is excluded by the terms of these conditions. I further waive my rights and those of all minors, that I may bring, to any recourse which we may now or later have resulting from any decision of the Chinook Outdoor Club, its members, officers or coordinators.

I agree to indemnify and save harmless the Club, its members, its officers and its coordinators from and against all manner of actions, claims and costs arising out of my participation in the Club's outings.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

/Participant

Signature of Spouse: _____ Date: _____

(if applicable)

Signature of Dependents: _____ Date: _____

Rules, Regulations and Guidelines

1. When a person participates in an activity he/she relinquishes individual preferences for the good of the entire party and must act on the directions of the group coordinator, including acting as deputy coordinator if requested.
2. While the Chinook Outdoor Club, its officers and coordinators take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the group on hikes and other Club-sponsored activities, members are responsible for their own safety at all times.
3. Members, friends and visitors must be adequately equipped, provisioned and prepared for the type of outing. Adequate clothing must be worn and any necessary equipment provided by the participant. The coordinator has the right to refuse to take anyone not adequately equipped, provisioned and prepared for the outing.
4. Visitors on an outing must provide a signed waiver of liability before leaving the point of departure.
5. Persons under 18 years of age may participate only if accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult, or with the approval of the coordinator.
6. The coordinator has the discretion to disclaim, in the presence of witnesses, responsibility for participants under circumstances where the participant refuses to comply with the reasonable directions of the coordinator.
7. Members must not detach themselves from the main group without the consent of the coordinator.
8. Hikes and other activities are normally one day trips, but overnight and multi-day trips are also arranged.
9. Outings are arranged for most weekends of the year, the venue and weather conditions dictating the type of activity. Adverse weather conditions can easily increase the difficulty of any outing, requiring changes in route, equipment or cancellation.
10. Trips are rated as to difficulty and length. The schedule or coordinator will provide information regarding possible hazards (i.e. Snow, steep terrain, avalanche hazard) and equipment required to participate on the outing.
11. Participants are required to understand the trip rating system (included with the schedule) and to participate only in outings appropriate to their skill level.
12. Members must register for activities by phoning the coordinator no later than 8:00 pm on the day prior to the activity or as directed in the schedule. This allows the coordinator to confirm the trip or outing arrangements, and to plan for the size and ability of the party.
13. Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from the point of departure. Car pools are normally formed, but a member must be prepared to drive to the trailhead unless other arrangements have been made with the coordinator or another group member.
14. Mountain and backcountry weather is unpredictable. Severe storms can come up very quickly in all season. It is the participant's responsibility to be properly prepared for all conditions that may arise.