

GLAC Waiver & Release of Liability - Read Before Signing

I understand that Great Lakes Adventure Club (GLAC) was formed to provide a means for individuals interested in outdoor activities to join together for the purpose of participating in such. Therefore it is understood:

Activities - All activities are planned and organized by individual club members. These members do not claim any expertise, ability to provide instruction, or knowledge of first aid. They do not accept responsibility for the actions of others. Neither the club nor the club officers in their official capacity plan, organize, designate, lead, or approve any "official" club activities.

Safety - It is recognized that these GLAC related activities have the potential to be dangerous, and each participant engages in these activities at his/her own risk. Each participant is responsible for their own safety and to use their own judgment to assess their risk based upon their skills, training and experience.

Equipment - With respect to equipment that participants might own or borrow from GLAC or from other members or participants, it is understood that neither GLAC, its officers, activity coordinators nor the owners of the equipment acknowledge responsibility:

1. for the proper or safe use of the said equipment,
2. for establishing or assuring the integrity, condition, or fitness for use of this equipment.

In Consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the Great Lakes

Adventure Club (hereinafter – GLAC) related activities or of being permitted to use any of the equipment owned by GLAC, its members or activity participants, I for myself, my personal representative, assigns, heirs and next of kin:

1. I _____ (Print Name)
acknowledge, agree, and represent that I will only participate if at the time of participation, I understand the nature of the GLAC related activity and if I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation.
2. **Scope: This waiver/release applies to all GLAC related activities.** I understand and I agree that this waiver/release is mutual and extends to every participant in the activities in which I participate and also includes GLAC, its members, officers, directors, coordinators and other participants whether or not such person or entity is actively participating in the activity.
3. **Durability:** I understand and agree that there are no time limitations on this release.. This waiver and release remains in effect day after day, activity after activity and year after year unless specially cancelled in writing mailed to and received by either the Administrator/Secretary or the Chairperson of GLAC using certified mail.
4. **Activity Qualifications:** I understand that any description or difficulty rating of any GLAC related activity is provided for useful information only and cannot be relied on for assurance of safety. I understand it is my responsibility to determine the skills and abilities needed for the activities in which I participate. I also understand that there will be wide variation of skills and experience of activity coordinators and that I cannot rely on the background or qualification of any coordinators or other participants, but **I must determine by my own investigation if the activity is right for me and be responsible for my own safety.**
5. **Equipment:** In the event that any coordinator, member or participant loans or provides equipment (whether owned by GLAC or others) for me to use, I acknowledge I am not relying on such person to assess the suitability or the condition of such equipment and fully waive any liability and release and hold harmless any such person.

Initials _____

6. Rescue And Assistance: I recognize that various distress or emergency situation may arise during any GLAC related activity and I may find myself in dangerous situations. However, I understand that I cannot rely on activity coordinators or fellow activity participants to render aid or provide rescue assistance to me in such situations. Although I cannot expect aid or rescue assistance, I acknowledge that I desire coordinators and fellow participants to attempt to assist me if I am in a distress or emergency situation even if the assistance is not carried out with any skill level and even if such potential assistant is not properly trained or equipped to render aid. I hereby acknowledge that I prefer such assistance even if it is improperly or negligently performed and I understand that even though my situation may be made worse by leaders or fellow participant’s efforts to assist me. **I want others to try to help me and I assume all risks associated with any attempt to render aid to me.**

7. Training And Skills Development Events: I understand that GLAC, its members, officers or directors may coordinate activities for skills development and for safety and rescue training. I fully accept the risks associated with these events and acknowledge that I am not relying on any event coordinator, organizer or assistant to assess my suitability for these events and acknowledge that this waiver/release applies to these events.

8. I fully understand that GLAC related activities may involve risks and serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis, or death; these risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the activity takes place, or The Negligence Of The Releasee; ‘there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time and I fully accept and assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I incur as a result of my participation.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect. I am signing on behalf of myself and any minor children.

Executed at _____ County, Michigan

Signature _____ Dated: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Name(s) of minor children (if applicable):
