

## Treetop Explorer, LLC

### SPORT PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HAZARDS AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, and RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

**Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the described activities and related activities, I do hereby agree, acknowledge, and appreciate that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with **Treetop Explorer, L.L.C.** and the activities for which I am about to engage, including traveling to and from the activity site, and expressly assume the risk of participating in such activities.

#### **A) Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:**

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that may result in permanent disability or death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of participant's or other's equipment.
3. Although approved protective gear is provided for the activity, gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. No helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. Variation and/or steepness of terrain, variation of changes in surfaces including but not limited to snow surfaces, ice, bare spots, rocks, stumps, debris, cliffs, trees, fences, posts, light poles, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, stairs, padded and non-padded barriers, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
5. Participant's own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision making including misjudging terrain, weather, riding surfaces or other obstacles.
6. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result if frost nip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.
7. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and/or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
8. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
9. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
10. Impact or collision with other participants, spectators, employees, volunteers and pedestrians.

**By signing this form, I acknowledge that I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

#### **B) Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement**

**1. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE, the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: - Treetop Explorer, L.L.C., their officers, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers, or the owner of the property on which the trees being climbed are located.**

**- Shorewood School District - Recreation & Community Services Department, and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents from any and all claims for damages or injuries which I may suffer in connection with the Event.**

**2.** I hereby release the releasees from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them from any claim or cause of action brought by a third party in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur because of my engaging in the above activities.

**3.** I understand that my participation in Treetop Explorer, L.L.C. activities is voluntary and that I have the right to terminate my participation at any time. I acknowledge that I am capable of participating in Treetop Explorer, L.L.C. activities and do not suffer from any health problems that would inhibit my participation.

**4.** I agree to observe and comply with all instruction prescribed, wear approved protective gear for the activity and properly use all equipment associated with Treetop Explorer, L.L.C. I understand that it is my responsibility to take instruction on how to properly use the equipment, and if I have any questions, I will make sure my questions are answered.

