



## SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

### PRE-WELCOME WEEK IMMERSION AGREEMENT, RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE

**NOTE:** This form must be signed and returned to New Student and Family Programs before any student can participate in a Pre-Welcome Week Orientation Student Immersion.

September 16-18, 2009

I have made an informed decision to participate in one of a number of pre-Welcome Week student Immersions at Seattle University. I acknowledge that some of the pre-Welcome Week Immersions involve outdoor recreation and strenuous physical activity, while others do not. I have knowingly chosen a pre-Welcome Week Immersion that reflects my interests, abilities and skill level. I acknowledge that my participation in any one particular Immersion is not required and that choices are available to me. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the pre-Welcome Week Immersion that I have chosen, I hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

**Responsibility for Preparation:** I assume responsibility for all the elements necessary for my personal preparation for the pre-Welcome Week Immersion that I have selected. I have asked any and all questions I have about the Immersion, activity and skill level, proper safety equipment, proper clothing, risks, or other issues that concern me. If I have any mental, sensory, or physical limitations or conditions that may impact my ability to participate safely in the Immersion, I have notified the University and have made arrangements with the University for any reasonable accommodations that will allow my participation without risk of harm to myself or others.

**Authorization to use image, voice:** I give Seattle University permission to reproduce and use for educational or promotional purposes (including providing copies to news and other media) any and all photographs, videos, movies, or sound recordings taken of me during my participation in the pre-Welcome Week Immersion.

#### In particular, I agree to the following:

1. I understand and acknowledge that there are certain risks inherent in my participation in a pre-Welcome Week Immersion, including, but not limited to, risks arising from:

- Traveling by vehicle to and from the Immersion location;
- Using outdoor recreational equipment, tools and supplies;
- Encountering poisonous plants, wild animals, reptiles, birds and insects;
- Exposure to the sun, cold, wind, hail, rain, lightning, or related weather conditions;
- Hiking and moving on terrain that may be unstable, steep, and slippery and where rocks, trees, ice or other objects may fall;
- Entering, exiting, and operating watercraft or being separated from watercraft;
- Water that may be fast, deep, cold and subject to rapid change;
- Misuse of equipment, errors in judgment, or lack of skill among other participants;
- Delays in access to emergency medical care;
- Staying or traveling in unfamiliar surroundings, areas, or communities.

2. I acknowledge and understand that the description of risks and activities above is not complete and that all activities, whether or not described, may be dangerous and may include risks which are inherent and cannot be reasonably avoided without changing the nature of the activity. Participation in activities can cause bites, stings, allergic reactions, overexertion, heat stroke, hypothermia, illness due to contaminated water, burns, cuts, bruises, strains, broken bones, and other injuries and illnesses. Property loss, and serious injury and death,

including by falling and drowning, are possible. I agree to assume those risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that are beyond the reasonable control of Seattle University.

3. I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to understand and follow safety rules, procedures and guidelines as described by the trip leaders. If I am uncertain about how to perform a skill or how to use a piece of equipment, I agree to ask a trip leader before proceeding. I understand that I am not required to participate in any activity that is beyond my skills or abilities or where I feel unsafe. I will advise a trip leader immediately of any unsafe condition or hazard of which I may become aware.

4. I have provided emergency contact information to the Seattle University staff. I understand that Seattle University does not provide health or accident insurance for student participants. I agree to be financially responsible for any transportation and medical bills that I may incur resulting from emergency or other medical treatment associated with the Immersion. I acknowledge that I am required to purchase student insurance through the University or provide proof of sufficient insurance coverage.

5. **If, in connection with my participation in the pre-Welcome Week Immersion, I suffer any injury, illness, disease, loss, expense, damage, or death, from any cause whatsoever, I fully and forever release, waive and discharge, and agree not to sue Seattle University and its trustees, officers, agents, faculty, employees, and students from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, losses, or expenses that can or may arise from my participation in the Immersion activity. This release and covenant not to sue is binding on my family, my heirs, my personal representative, agents, or assigns. I also agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Seattle University and its trustees, officers, agents, faculty, employees and students from any and all claims by third parties resulting from or arising out of my participation in this club activity.**

6. I am at least 18 years of age and legally competent to sign this document. I have read and understand everything written above, and I voluntarily sign this Agreement, Risk Acknowledgment, and Release **(If less than 18 years of age, this agreement must be signed by both student and parent/legal guardian.)**

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Date

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Student Signature

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Printed Name of Student

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, if under 18 years of age

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Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

**Return to:**  
Seattle University  
New Student & Family Programs  
901 12th Avenue  
PO Box 222000  
Seattle, WA 98122-1090

Be sure to send in your waiver form within 10 days of completion or your spot may be jeopardized.