Join the Dallas Sierra Club’s Bus Trip to Hike or Backpack at Bandelier National Monument, Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. to Monday, May 25, 11:15 p.m.

**The Destination:** This National Monument northwest of Santa Fe was created in 1916 to preserve and interpret the land, structures and artifacts of Ancestral Puebloans who lived here from 1150 until 1550, when the land could no longer support them. Descendants of those people live at Cochiti and other pueblos along the Rio Grande in northern New Mexico today. The park is managed by the National Park Service. Bandelier is named for Adolph Bandelier, a Swiss-born American who studied indigenous cultures of the American Southwest.

The Monument includes 46 square miles of mesas and canyons, 70% of which are Wilderness Area. The highest point is Cerro Grande, 10,207’, offering vistas into adjacent Valles Caldera National Preserve and Santa Fe National Forest. The rolling mesas that comprise much of Bandelier are roughly 7,000’ above sea level. Intervening canyons lie as much as 500+’ below the mesa rims. Today’s Visitor Center, an old lodge, and the road into Frijoles Canyon were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps between 1934 and 1941. In World War II, some of the atomic scientists from the Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb were housed in the lodge.

May climate contributes to the choice of Bandelier as a destination for a Memorial Day outing. Highs are typically in the 70s, lows in the 40s. Rain typically occurs only four days in May. Extreme temperatures could exceed norms by fifteen degrees, so come prepared with clothing layers.

In May 2011, the Dallas Sierra Club enjoyed a Memorial Day bus trip to Bandelier. A month later, the Las Conchas fire—largest in New Mexico’s recorded history at the time—burned 150,000 acres. With trees downed and few roots to hold soil, debris created dams that flooded canyons and the historic Visitor Center. When the Sierra Club returned in May 2013—our most recent trip before May 2020—we were awestruck by damage in the backcountry.

Bandelier is coming back! A Dallas Sierra Club scouting party hiked to Capulin Canyon in May 2019. Although many backcountry trail miles have been obliterated and legal backcountry camping spots are scarce, selected trails are in fine condition and segments have been rebuilt to better standards than before. Come to appreciate a story of resilience in a place of fascinating natural and cultural history!

**Essential Logistics:** This is a trip to hike and/or backpack, depending on your choice of three itinerary options. All participants will camp in tents and eat meals they pack at home. Read “Trip Options” to select itinerary choices that suit your personal preferences. Early registrants get priority of choice among the options. Trips 1 and 2 are limited to a combination of twenty people, with eight to twelve on each trip. Trip 3 is limited to ten people. Limits are based on campsite restrictions.
Our chartered bus with professional driver departs Dallas at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020** from the Walmart parking lot on the southwest quadrant of LBJ Expressway (IH 635) and Midway Road, Dallas. Look for the bus in the lot at the west end of the Walmart, between the Walmart and Sam’s Club. **Plan to arrive by 7:00 p.m.** to load your gear and settle into your seats. The bus will not wait for late arrivals. The bus will carry 27 passengers, with two seats per person to make sleeping on the bus as comfortable as possible. If you leave your car at Walmart, hide valuables from view. We’ve never experienced theft or vandalism when parking cars at Walmart, but the Sierra Club, its leaders, and Walmart are NOT responsible for the security of your car or its contents.

**Trip Options**: Select two preferences when you register. We can usually grant participants one of their top two preferences. Trip 3 is rated strenuous due to distance and the volume of steps to descend and ascend canyons, whereas Trips 1 and 2 are moderately strenuous, primarily due to high altitude on the short day hike up Cerro Grande. One way to test your readiness for this outing is to walk the 9-mile trail around White Rock Lake. If you complete the loop within 3½ hours and feel good the next day, you'll probably enjoy the hike options at Bandelier. We invite you to discuss your experience with the Bus Trip Manager or other trip leaders if you want to discuss the suitability of a trip for you.

**Trip 1**: Day hike three days, camp three nights at Juniper Camp; no backpacking.

Explore the Ancient Puebloan archeological sites in Frijoles Canyon and the Visitor Center, the East Fork Jemez River and its box canyon and Cerro Grande. We have reserved a group campsite at Juniper Campground for Trip 1 (three nights) and Trip 2 (two nights). The Campground restroom has running water and toilets. The group site has picnic tables and grills.

**Day 1**: Set camp at Juniper. Hike 500’ down into Frijoles Canyon on the Frey Trail, 2.1 miles. You can purchase a walking guide to the archeological sites at the Visitor Center. Anticipate walking 2+ miles to explore the Main Loop and Alcove House ruins. Add a 3-mile round-trip hike to Upper Falls (down 400’) and back if you wish. A free shuttle operated by the Park Service until 5 p.m. can take you back to Juniper Campground unless you prefer to return via the Frey Trail. **Day 2**: Meet our chartered bus at Juniper in the morning for a ride to the Las Conchas Trailhead in Santa Fe National Forest. Follow the East Fork Trail 1.5 miles, ascending to the forest on higher ground as the river flows into its box canyon. After 2 more miles, descend stairs on a spur trail to view the East Fork as it emerges from its canyon. Meet your bus after hiking another 1.5 miles at the East Fork Trailhead for a ride back to Juniper. **Day 3**: Board the bus to the Cerro Grande Trailhead. Hike 2.3 miles, gaining almost 1,200’ of altitude to reach this 10,207’ summit and views into the massive Valles Caldera. Return as you came, eating lunch on the grass. Return by bus to Juniper unless you prefer to hike an additional 4 miles with Trip 2. **Day 4**: Board the bus in the morning for Dallas before midnight. **Leaders**: Lynn Marple, mlmarple@gmail.com, 214.345.5528, assisted by **Terry Sullivan**

**Trip 2**: Easy to moderate backpacking on two days, camping one night in Frijoles Canyon, one day of hiking to Cerro Grande and southwest, two nights at Juniper Campground.

Backpack from Ponderosa Trailhead to the Visitor Center through Frijoles Canyon, exploring archeological sites as you go. Hike to Cerro Grande and southwest on an assortment of trails. See Trip 1 notes on Juniper Campground.

**Day 1**: The bus delivers Trip 2 to the Ponderosa Trailhead, starting point for backpacking through a forest until making a turn onto the Frijoles Canyon Trail. Follow the trail downhill to a backcountry camping zone on the canyon floor (3 to 5 miles depending on the assigned campsite). **Day 2**: Pursue Frijoles Creek through Frijoles Canyon to the main archeological area and ultimately the Visitor Center (2.6 to 4.6 miles, depending on the previous night’s camp). After exploring
the cliffside sites in the canyon, board the Park Service shuttle until 5 p.m. for a ride to Juniper Campground or hike 2.1 miles up the Frey Trail to Juniper. **Day 3:** Board the bus with Trip 1 to Cerro Grande Trailhead. After a morning round trip hike of 4.6 miles to Cerro Grande’s 10,207’ summit and after lunch, hike south and west on cross-country ski trails, a short link of road, the Alamo Boundary Trail and the Coyote Call Trail to meet the bus for return to Juniper Camp. **Day 4:** Board the bus in the morning for Dallas before midnight. **Leaders:** Pat Johnston, patm.johnston@hotmail.com, 214.450.1342, assisted by Ande Johnston

**Trip 3:** Backcountry backpacking and camping on two days, day hiking on the middle day, two nights in Capulin Canyon and one night at Ponderosa Campground.

Backpack to a reliable water source in Capulin Canyon, then down the canyon wash to camp. Day hike to Painted Cave. Backpack out to Ponderosa Campground.

**Day 1:** Trip 3 starts backpacking from Frijoles Canyon, near the Visitor Center, southbound for Lummis, Alamo and one other canyon, past the unexcavated Yapashi ruins and Stone Lions, reaching Capulin Creek in the afternoon. Descending and ascending 500-foot-deep Alamo Canyon is strenuous, but steady walking, not climbing. After drawing water from Capulin Creek, continue south to make camp in Zone D, about 8.5 miles for the day. The trail through Capulin Canyon was destroyed by floods, but the Capulin wash provides a parallel alternative. **Day 2:** Day hike to Painted Cave, a concave cliff decorated by Ancient Pueblos and their descendants. Return to camp, roughly 4 miles for the day. **Day 3:** Backtrack north to the Stone Lions Trail, then to the “tent rocks” on the lip of Alamo Canyon, crossing Alamo Canyon at a less deep point than on Friday, continuing across upper Frijoles Canyon through forests to Ponderosa Camp, 10 miles for the day. **Day 4:** The bus for Dallas picks you up in the morning at Ponderosa. **Leader:** Margarita Orlov (her provisional leadership outing), margarita.orlov@gmail.com, 972.375.6474, assisted by Arthur Kuehne

**Cost:** The fee for the outing is $325. It includes bus transportation, campground and backcountry fees, park entry fee, bus driver gratuities, bottled water on the outbound trip and beverages on the return trip. Bring cash or a credit card for Friday breakfast, Monday mid-day and evening meals and whatever else you might want. **We recommend registration as soon as possible because this trip could be completely sold weeks before departure.**

**How to Sign Up:** After carefully reading this complete trip description:

1. Complete the **Trip Preference Form**, listing your first and second trip preferences. You will be contacted early if none of your preferences can be accommodated.
2. Complete the **Medical Information Form**. List drug allergies, medical conditions or other information that could matter for medical treatment in case of an accident or illness. **Participants agree to notify the Bus Trip Leader before the trip date if there are changes to the information provided on their Medical Information Form.**
3. Read and sign the Sierra Club Participation Agreement. You will not be allowed to participate on this trip unless you sign the agreement. You may send just the signature page, but you will be deemed to have read and understood both pages.

4. Send your forms and payment (check or money order for $325 payable to “Dallas Sierra Club”) to Mark Stein, 3631 Normandy Ave., Dallas TX 75231. We recommend sending all four above items in one envelope via U.S. Postal Service or hand delivery. Please print the forms single-sided and don’t staple them. Registrations are complete only when all four items have been received and receipt has been confirmed by email from the Bus Trip Manager.

Trip Acceptance / Questions: For questions about whether your registration has been received, whether space on a preferred trip option is available and other matters, you’re welcome to ask Bus Trip Manager Mark, mark@steinplanning.com, 214.789.4596. You’re also welcome to contact leaders of trip options with questions about his or her trip. Trip leaders have the right and duty to determine whether an itinerary option appears suitable for a prospective participant. If the Trip Manager concludes participation is unwise for you due to lack of appropriate experience, gear or health and you have not requested cancellation, your trip fee will be refunded.

Wait List: If space on the bus is unavailable when a complete registration is received, the Bus Trip Manager will advise you. At your option, we will retain your check, depositing it when a place becomes available, or shred your check and forms. Wait list priority goes to the registrant with the earliest complete registration date. There are typically some cancellations in the month, weeks, or even days before trip departure.

Cancellation Policy: Notify the Bus Trip Manager if you must cancel. There is a $60 fee for cancellations through April 17. There will be no refunds for cancellation after April 17. See the Travel Insurance paragraph below. On rare occasions the Dallas Sierra Club must cancel or change trips. If this occurs, our responsibility is limited to a refund of any trip fees you have already paid. The Dallas Sierra Club is not responsible for airfares or other payments or costs you incur that are a consequence of a trip cancellation or change.

Travel Insurance: We suggest travel insurance to cover non-refundable expenses. Travel insurance may also cover trip-related evacuation and medical expenses. The national Sierra Club recommends Travelex for travel insurance: http://www.travelexinsurance.com/. Optional coverage for this trip would cost roughly $60-$70, depending on age.

Preference Priority: Trip itinerary option assignments are based on the order that all four registration items, including a correct check or money order, have been received. The sooner your check is received, the better your odds of getting one of your preferences. Registrations that arrive between March 19 and April 2 will be considered received and trip references honored according to the postmark date. Replies to inquiries may be delayed during those dates.

 Carry-ons: Space is limited on the bus, although less so than on the old sleeper bus. Please limit carry-ons to what that will fit in, under or in the legroom in front of your seats or in the small overhead racks. There’s ample room for backpacks in the cargo holds beneath the bus floor.

Bus Survival Tips: The bus may be cool or warm at night, so bring a blanket or sleeping bag and layers for comfort. Have a jacket available on the bus. You might find it easier to sleep if you bring a sleep mask and earplugs. Consider Benadryl or TYLENOL PM. Bottled water will be provided on the bus for the outbound bus trip. You’re encouraged to stay well hydrated. In addition to water, beer and soda will be provided on the return trip.

For your safety and courtesy to your fellow bus passengers:
- No glass containers are allowed on the bus as they can break, causing a hazard and mess.
- No perfume or cologne – some people are highly sensitive to the scent.
- Smoking is not allowed in the bus or around it.
• Electronic devices may be used on the bus with earphones or muted so they cannot be heard by people around you.
• Try to make phone calls on the bus only when necessary and not during quiet hours.
• If you have requests during the trip, chat with the Bus Trip Manager or a trip leader. We want the driver to focus on driving, not possible conflicting requests from 27 passengers.

Gear: Each person is responsible for bringing personal food and equipment. Arranging to share with a friend is fine. Contact trip leaders before departure if you’d like advice about gear. If your loaded pack weighs more than 25 to 30 pounds before water, you should probably lighten your load. Novice backpackers often learn they have packed excess weight.

• **Basic equipment:** You need a lightweight tent for shelter from rain, a sleeping bag suitable for temperatures in the 30s and a sleeping pad to insulate you from cold ground. You need a backpack and a pack cover or liner to protect from rain. Bring water containers (See “Water” paragraph), a headlamp (much more satisfactory than a flashlight) and personal first aid and health items, including a lightweight trowel and toilet paper plus a zip-lock bag for used paper. Bring a waterproof sack so you can bear-bag your food, trash and toiletries.

• **Food:** After Friday breakfast (probably at McDonald’s near Pojoaque), you’ll need food for three breakfasts, three no-cook lunches and three dinners. Bring a small stove and fuel for cooking unless you plan to share cooking with a friend. We don’t build ground fires, but you may use grills when in an organized campground. Don’t expect to find or burn firewood. The bus will make stops for lunch and dinner on Monday.

• **Clothing:** Versatile layers are key to comfort, given the temperature range we will experience. Four or five layers for your torso are recommended (including a rain/wind shell) and two layers for your legs. (One of those layers could be rain pants, which double as thermal protection.) Cotton and denim are chilly and heavy when wet. Wear tested boots and two layers of socks (thin sock on the inside to preclude blisters), gloves and a cap to keep your head warm at night. You’ll need a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen for UV protection.

• **Cash:** Cash is good for Friday breakfast and Monday meals on the trip home and whatever else you buy. Paying with cash is sometimes faster than credit cards at restaurants.

For day hiking, carry either a day pack or empty your larger pack into your tent, taking only water and other essentials. The group campgrounds have bear boxes where you can store food while away from camp. Use them!

**Water:** Water from the group campgrounds and Visitor Center requires no treatment. Beyond these points, water for drinking must be treated by tablets, filtration or boiling. Your trip leader will suggest how much water capacity to bring. A liter of water weighs 2.2 pounds. Day hikers should carry at least two full liters every day. **DON’T fill containers that will be carried in the under-bus cargo.** A leak could wet gear and ruin the trip for many people.

**Maps:** A National Geographic Trails Illustrated paper map of Bandelier National Monument is available online and possibly in stores. Various maps of Bandelier are also available from the Park Service’s Bandelier National Monument website.

**Leave No Trace:** Leave-no-trace wilderness ethics are expected of all participants. All trash must be packed out; human waste buried and used toilet paper packed out. (Bring a zip-lock bag.) We disallow ground fires. Pets, firearms and smoking are not allowed.

**Bears:** There are bears in the Monument, although we have never encountered them. Take precautions to avoid losing your food to bears, deer or smaller critters:

• Store food and items that smell in the bear boxes you’ll find in the organized campgrounds. Otherwise, always keep those items in your control. Trip leaders can show you to hang a bear bag.

• Don’t eat in your tent or store food or items with food spills in your tent.

• Prepare meals away from your sleeping area.

• Disperse cooking water over a wide area, away from camp.

• Store trash in your food bag (within a separate waterproof plastic bag).

• Pack out all leftover food and trash.
Medical: Our leaders have wilderness first aid training, but they are not medical professionals. Participants are encouraged to bring first aid supplies for personal use and a basic knowledge of how to deal with emergencies. Inform leaders if you have a medical condition such as controlled diabetes, heart problems or allergic reactions that could require special emergency treatment. Carry medications for these conditions and tell the leader where you store them. If you’re allergic to bee stings or anything else we could encounter, ask your doctor if you should carry an antidote kit. Medical information you provide may be shared with medical professionals who treat you in the event of injury or sickness.

Group = Safety: The Sierra Club prohibits individuals from leaving the led group (the leader and those participants with the leader) to do separate day hiking or other activities. If you leave the group, you do so at your own risk. Participants who leave the led group against leader advice will be asked to sign out of the trip and will no longer be part of the trip. If you take that risk, please don’t hike alone and always hike on a trail. Most deaths in wild areas occur when a solo hiker becomes incapacitated and dies of hypothermia or dehydration before being found. When leaving camp, especially at night, be careful to not get disoriented and lose your way back.

Trip Leaders: All our leaders are volunteers. They lead because they love backpacking and wild places and they’re eager to share their delight and skills. Trip leaders may change the planned route due to group capabilities, weather or safety concerns. Following trip leader directions is important for group safety. If you don’t obey the leader’s instructions, you assume consequent risks. Don’t expect leaders to do more than notify public authorities if you become separated from the group. Leaders are not allowed to search for missing people at night and may not put others in the group at risk to search for lost participants.

Minors: Minors may participate when accompanied by their legal guardian at all times.

Be Confident. Relax. The Dallas Sierra Club has conducted outings for more than forty years without major injuries. If you’re in reasonably good physical condition and select a trip option matching your capabilities, these trips are reasonably safe. The cautions and disclosures of risk are presented to help you make an informed decision about participation and to act with due care so we can all have a good time.

California Seller of Travel Law: Because the Sierra Club is a California nonprofit corporation and California has a "Seller of Travel" law, we’re required to post this notice: CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.
Trip Preference Form
Bandelier National Monument Bus Trip
May 21-25, 2020

Print this form. Complete and send it with your payment and other forms to
Mark Stein. 3631 Normandy Ave., Dallas, TX 75205

PARTICIPANT NAME: (printed): ________________________________________________________

TRIP PREFERENCES:
Trip choice (Trip 1, 2 or 3)    1st choice: ______    2nd choice: ______

SEATING PREFERENCES:
Front ___    Middle ___    Rear ___    Don’t care ___
Sit near _____________________________

BACKPACKING EXPERIENCE:
Have you backpacked before? ___ Yes    ___ No
If yes, where and when? _____________________________________________________________

Have you participated in a previous Dallas Sierra Club bus trip? ___ Yes    ___ No
If yes, where and when was your most recent trip? _______________________________________

Who was your trip leader? ___________________________________________________________

The Bus Trip Manager or one of the trip leaders may contact you to review your preparedness for a trip,
particularly if you’ve not backpacked on a recent Dallas Sierra Club trip. We want your trip to be a safe,
enjoyable experience.
Medical Form

Print this form. Complete and deliver it with your check or money order and other forms to Mark Stein, 3631 Normandy Ave., Dallas, TX 75205.

This form is for leaders to evaluate health needs as part of trip planning and for use in emergencies. After reviewing the form, a leader may contact you to discuss whether the trip will be safe and enjoyable for you, considering your medical history. We will keep the information on this form confidential. It will be seen only by leaders, medical personnel, or others who know and understand its confidential nature. The form will be destroyed after the trip.

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**General Information**

First Name: ___________________ Last Name: ___________________ Nickname: ___________________

Address: ___________________ Gender: ______________

City: ___________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________

Home Phone: ____________ Work Phone: ____________ Mobile Phone: ____________

Email Address: ___________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Height: ____________ Weight: ____________ Blood Pressure: ____________ / ____________ Resting Heart Rate: ____________ bpm

Emergency Contact: ___________________ Relationship: ______________

Home Phone: ____________ Work Phone: ____________ Mobile Phone: ____________

Secondary Emergency Contact: ___________________ Relationship: ______________

Home Phone: ____________ Work Phone: ____________ Mobile Phone: ____________

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**Evacuation and Medical Insurance Information**

We strongly encourage you to have medical and evacuation insurance and to bring your insurance card or other documentation with you on the trip.

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**Allergies**

Include medicines, foods, animals, insect bites and stings, and environment (dust, pollen, etc.). ☐ NONE

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Medical History

Please list all prescription, over-the-counter and natural medications you are taking. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

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Do you currently have, or have a history with, the following conditions (explain in blank and use separate sheet if necessary):

☐ Yes ☐ No Respiratory problems, Asthma, Do you smoke

☐ Yes ☐ No Diabetes

☐ Yes ☐ No Gastrointestinal problems

☐ Yes ☐ No Cardiac problems, Hypertension

☐ Yes ☐ No Neurological problems, Seizures

☐ Yes ☐ No Vision or Eye problems

☐ Yes ☐ No Hearing problems

☐ Yes ☐ No Bone, Joint, Muscle problems

☐ Yes ☐ No Head trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury

☐ Yes ☐ No Substance Abuse, Anxiety, Depression

☐ Yes ☐ No If female: Are you pregnant

☐ Yes ☐ No Have you had an illness within the last 12 months

☐ Yes ☐ No Have you had surgery or been hospitalized in the last 12 months

☐ Yes ☐ No Have you ever had problems related to exposure to altitude

☐ Yes ☐ No Any other health complaint or medical issue that would affect your participation in this trip

If YES, please explain

Date of last tetanus immunization: ______________ Date of most recent physical: ______________

Physician’s name: __________________________ Phone number: __________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Please have physician sign if your leader requires a physical prior to trip

Physician’s signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

The information provided here is a complete and accurate statement of any physical and psychological conditions that may affect my participation on this trip. I realize that failure to disclose such information could result in serious harm to myself and other participants. I agree to inform my trip leader should there be any changes to my health status prior to the start of the trip. I understand the outing may require vigorous activity that is both physically and mentally demanding in isolated areas without medical facilities. I am fully capable of participating on this trip.

Trip Name: Bandelier National Monument Bus Trip

Trip Dates: May 21-25, 2020

Signature (required): __________________________ Date: __________________________

Print Name: ___________________________________________
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT: This agreement affects your legal rights. By signing it, you are agreeing to (among other things) assume risks, release claims, waive rights, and indemnify Sierra Club from harm.

1. Definitions. The following capitalized terms have the following meanings when used herein:

   A. "Sierra Club" means Sierra Club and its officers, directors, representatives, employees, agents, chapters, volunteers, leaders, and affiliates;

   B. "Activities" means any program, event, and activity offered by and/or on behalf of Sierra Club;

   C. "Participant," who is identified at the bottom of this contract, is either (i) me or (ii) as applicable, a person for whom I am legally authorized to make decisions and who is referred to herein as "Minor Participant";

   D. "Risks" means any risk associated, either directly or indirectly, with Participant's presence at and/or participation in any Activities;

   E. "Damages" means any injury, damage, sickness, death, and/or any other loss, whether physical, emotional, financial, or otherwise, caused in whole or in part by Participant, Sierra Club, and/or any third parties in connection with any Activities;

   F. "Claims" means any action, cause of action, claim, controversy, promise, agreement, damage, judgment, cost, expense, and liability of whatever nature, in law or in equity, whether known or unknown, whether contingent or liquidated, and whether based in statute, contract, tort, or otherwise; and

   G. "Released Parties" means Sierra Club and any Sierra Club successor, assign, sponsor, advertiser, inspector, contractor, consultant, and any other person or entity that takes any action on Sierra Club's behalf in connection with any Activities.

2. Participation. I (or Minor Participant, if any): (a) agree that my participation in any Activities will be subject to the terms herein; and (b) can and will participate in any Activities in a constructive manner without causing Damages.

3. Logistics. I will accurately complete any required forms and abide (and cause Minor Participant, if any, to abide) by all laws, rules, and policies applicable to any Activities. Prior to any Activities, I will be familiar with, and shall have accepted, the associated Risks and will have made any inquiry necessary to fully understand those Risks. Sierra Club may in its sole discretion dismiss me (or Minor Participant, if any) from any Activities for any or no reason. I will be fully responsible for any and all costs, including without limitation travel expenses, associated with my dismissal or departure (or the dismissal or departure of Minor Participant, if any) from any Activities for any reason.

4. Understanding the Risks. I confirm all of the following:

   A. Unplanned or unexpected situations may arise in the course of any Activities, Risks are inherent in all Activities and may not be obvious, and Activities and Risks may cause Damages;

   B. A few, non-exhaustive examples of Risks include: acts of nature or other matters outside Sierra Club's control; facilities and/or equipment failures; itinerary changes and/or cancellations; transportation issues; problems associated with locations, wildlife, vegetation, and/or lack of access to medical care, AND NEGLIGENCE by Sierra Club or others. There are many potential Risks that are not listed here; and

   C. I understand all Risks, whether or not they have been communicated to me (and/or to Minor Participant, if any); and I have had adequate opportunity to seek any information necessary to properly evaluate all Risks.

5. Assumption of Risks. I confirm my (and Minor Participant's, if any) assumption of all Risks, whether known or not and whether identified or not, and my acceptance of all materials, equipment, and facilities associated with the Risks and/or the Activities in an "AS IS" condition. I accept that I (and Minor Participant, if any) may sustain Damages, including Damages that could be caused by Sierra Club, third parties, and/or me (or Minor Participant, if any).

6. Release. I (and Minor Participant, if any) release each and all of the Released Parties from any Claims that I (and Minor Participant, if any) ever had, now has, or may have in the future, for any reason, and that arise out of and/or relate in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, to any Activities (including without limitation travel to or from any Activities), even when any such Claims result from the negligence of any Released Party.

7. Waiver. Regarding the release above, I waive all rights that I (and Minor Participant, if any) may have now or in the future under Cal. Civil Code § 1542 stating: "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT
THE CREDITOR OR THE RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

8. **No Third Party Lawsuits.** I (and Minor Participant, if any) will not participate in, either directly or indirectly, or cause any third party to initiate, any litigation against any Released Party regarding any Claims associated directly or indirectly with involvement by me (or Minor Participant, if any) in any Activities (the "Third Party Claims").

9. **Indemnification.** I will indemnify, hold harmless, and defend each Released Party from and against any and all Third Party Claims (including without limitation attorney's fees).

10. **No Warranties.** No information related to any Activities and/or Risks and communicated to me (and/or to Minor Participant, if any) in any manner, including without limitation difficulty ratings, safety or risk evaluations, equipment recommendations, or participant assessments, shall be construed as a Sierra Club warranty or representation of any kind. Sierra Club has given no warranty, express or implied, regarding the Activities, the Risks, and/or any Damages except as stated herein or in another writing signed by a Sierra Club officer (each, a "Warranty"). In signing this agreement, I have not relied on any statement not set forth herein or in any Warranty.

11. **Amendment and Interpretation.** This agreement may not be amended except in writing signed by a Sierra Club officer and is intended to be interpreted and enforced to the greatest extent allowed by law. If any provision herein is deemed unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall still be enforced. This agreement is binding upon any personal representative, successor, heir, or assign of Participant (and Minor Participant, if any).

12. **Dispute Resolution.** Any dispute relating to or arising from the enforcement and/or interpretation of this agreement or any Activities (each, a "Dispute") shall be governed by California law without reference to its conflicts of laws rules and shall be resolved exclusively in the state courts existing in Alameda County, California. Before initiating any legal proceeding against Sierra Club in connection with any Dispute, I agree to first inform Sierra Club's general counsel in writing of the Dispute's factual and legal basis and to give Sierra Club thirty (30) days to respond.

13. **Federal Land Agencies.** If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an agency rule prevents me from agreeing to any clause herein, that clause shall not be enforced.

14. **Medical Care.** In connection with any Activities, I authorize Sierra Club to obtain, provide, and/or authorize medical care, treatment, and transportation to a medical facility for me (or Minor Participant, if any) if I cannot do so, and will pay all associated costs. I authorize the release to any third parties of my (or Minor Participant's, if any) medical records and personal information, if necessary or useful for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes.

15. **Publicity Permission (Optional).** I am aware that staff or others sometimes capture photographs, quotes, or other impressions or recordings of participants and share them with Sierra Club for use them in a variety of ways, such as (but not limited to) in the newsletters, web pages, or social media of Sierra Club or its allies. I (and Minor Participant, if any) agree not to restrict or condition such use in any way, unless I've indicated otherwise near my signature.

I CONFIRM THAT I (OR MINOR PARTICIPANT, IF ANY) AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE ACTIVITIES WITH MY FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RISKS. ON MY BEHALF (AND ON BEHALF OF MINOR PARTICIPANT, IF ANY), I FULLY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ALL RISKS (KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IDENTIFIED OR NOT) ASSOCIATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH THE ACTIVITIES AND POTENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION AS MAY BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY SIERRA CLUB NEGLIGENCE AND/OR ANY CONDUCT BY ME (AND MINOR PARTICIPANT, IF ANY).

Participant: ________________________________________________________________

print name signature (optional for minors) date

**Required if the above Participant is a minor:**

*I am legally authorized to sign this Participant Agreement on Participant's behalf, and I authorize participation in all Activities. My relationship to the minor is: __________________________ Minor’s date of birth: ________________*

Parent/Guardian: ____________________________________________________________

print name signature date