

GROUP NAME: _____

We hope you enjoy your stay at River's Bend Retreat Center!

Whether you have come to River's Bend Retreat Center to participate in specific activities or just to unwind and learn more about yourself, we want your stay here to be relaxing, pleasant and above all SAFE.

River's Bend Retreat Center encourages the groups which rent its facilities to take all reasonable precautions to make activities safe for participants. However, if your group is involved in outdoor activities, please be aware that participation in any outdoor activity is potentially dangerous. You may be exposed to risks of property loss or damage, personal injury and possibly even death while at River's Bend Retreat Center.

Because there is a serious risk of fire at River's Bend Retreat Center, while at River's Bend Retreat Center you may not smoke outside designated areas, light matches or other flammable, incendiary or explosive materials, build campfires without authorization of staff, park outside of designated parking areas or engage in any other conduct which could cause fire. You must also inform your group's leader(s) and refrain from participating in any activity if your medical, physical or emotional condition or any other factors might create any undue risk to you, other participants or anyone else while at River's Bend Retreat Center.

Following these simple rules will greatly reduce the risk of accidents and injuries during your stay at River's Bend Retreat Center. We also ask that you accept all risks and responsibility for any physical injury to yourself, damage to your property, or other losses to you of any kind which might occur while you are at River's Bend Retreat Center, regardless of whether such risks are connected in any way with your participation in any activities offered by groups who have rented River's Bend Retreat Center's facilities. To enable River's Bend Retreat Center to continue to provide its facilities to groups, we must obtain a written, signed Waiver and Release of Liability from each participant. The following Waiver and Release of Liability that accompanies this letter is necessary for this purpose.

Thank you and we hope that you will enjoy a safe and healthy stay at River's Bend Retreat Center!

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I hereby affirm that I have been well advised of the inherent risks associated with visiting River's Bend Retreat Center. I understand those risks include, but are not limited to the risk of exposure to potentially poisonous plants, uneven and/or slippery walking surfaces, woodland fires, rattlesnakes and other risks which may result in property damage, personal injury or even death. I understand that injuries can occur even if River's Bend Retreat Center and others have taken all reasonable precautions. Nonetheless, I choose to visit River's Bend Retreat Center and participate in the activities offered by the group which has rented River's Bend Retreat Center's facilities for that purpose.

I HEREBY PERSONALLY ASSUME ALL RISKS WHICH MAY OCCUR WHILE AT THE RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER, FOR ANY HARM, INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH OR DAMAGE THAT MAY BEFALL ME AS A RESULT OF VISITING RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER AND /OR PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES ON-SITE, WHETHER FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN.

I AGREE THAT I WILL ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY, ILLNESS AND/OR DAMAGE AND RELATED COSTS, MEDICAL EXPENSES AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND THAT I MAY INCUR ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO VISITING RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER AND/OR THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY GROUPS WHICH HAVE RENTED RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER'S FACILITIES.

I FURTHER AGREE THAT I HOLD RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER, THEIR OWNERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, MANAGERS, CONTRACTORS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS AND ASSIGNS FREE OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR LIABILITY, INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, COSTS, MEDICAL BILLS OR OTHER DAMAGES INCURRED BY ME OR MY FAMILY, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, NO MATTER HOW CAUSED, INCLUDING DAMAGES, INJURIES, ILLNESS OR DEATH ALLEGED TO BE PARTIALLY OR SOLELY CAUSED BY RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER'S ACTS, OMISSIONS, COMMISSIONS, CARELESSNESS, NEGLIGENCE OR LIABILITY WITHOUT FAULT.

I EXPRESSLY DO NOT GIVE UP THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO ME UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW WHICH MAY ARISE DUE TO RIVER'S BEND RETREAT CENTER'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WILLFULL MISCONDUCT.

I understand that the WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY applies whether or not such injury, damage or loss is in any way connected with participation in any activities offered on the River's Bend Retreat Center site and whether such injuries result from my own negligent acts or from the acts of other participants. I also understand these terms are contractual and not a mere recital. I have signed this document of my own free will.

I further agree that in the event of any dispute whatsoever between me and River's Bend Retreat Center concerning my visit to River's Bend Retreat Center and/or my participation in any of the activities offered by a group which has rented its facilities, I will first submit the matter to non-binding mediation before the American Arbitration Association (AAA) Center for Mediation in San Francisco, California. In addition, should River's Bend Retreat Center and I fail to resolve our differences through mediation, I will submit any remaining dispute or clam to binding and final arbitration before the AAA in San Francisco, California.

☐ I have read this form carefully and completely before checking this box, and I understand and agree to all of its terms.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Instructions for Use: Each individual participating in an event organized by all-volunteer groups (without a sponsoring organization or individual) who have rented River's Bend's facilities must sign a waiver and release of liability and return it to River's Bend Retreat Center office on the first day of the rental, before dinner begins. Any late arrivals must sign this form immediately upon arrival and return it to River's Bend office (use the dropbox by the office door if necessary).

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