

# CRUX STATEMENT OF RISK AND LIABILITY

Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** Read this entire document carefully before signing. Do not sign until you understand all of the information contained in this document and the risks involved in this experience. In the event that the participating student is under the age of 18, this form is to be signed by the legal parent or guardian and the risks explained to the participant.

## **Motor**

**Vehicles:** If you are a passenger in a vehicle rented, leased, or owned by Mount St. Mary's University, you are covered by Mount St. Mary's automobile liability insurance. If you are a passenger in a private vehicle, Mount St. Mary's will not provide automobile insurance for any damage or injury suffered. In the event of an accident or injury that occurs while someone is a passenger in a private vehicle, the primary insurance carrier providing coverage would be the carrier providing insurance to the owner of the vehicle.

**Risks:** Safety is the overriding concern on all *CRUX* activities. *CRUX* and its trained staff take all reasonable precautions to ensure that participants have a fun and adventurous yet safe experience. Despite safety measures taken by *CRUX* and Mount St. Mary's University, there are inherent risks involved with adventure programming and therefore a guarantee of absolute safety for the participant cannot be made. Most *CRUX* programs take place in an outdoors environment which may include but are not limited to the following conditions: steep terrain with the potential of falling, rugged terrain including slippery rocks, loose falling rocks, water hazards, insects, plants, animals, and exposure to extreme or inclement weather. Most *CRUX* programs involve physical exertion including but not limited to the following activities: rock climbing, camping, backpacking, hiking, high/low ropes course, canoeing, kayaking, and caving. These potentially hazardous activities in addition to natural outdoor hazards could result in injury, illness, or loss.

Please understand that when you participate in any student activity sponsored by Mount St. Mary's University, you may be risking your physical being. Be sure that you are adequately prepared with proper information, equipment, and insurance.

**Participation:** Participation in this event/experience is not required, nor is any specific activity within the event/experience required. If you feel a particular part of the event/experience is beyond your ability, or if you feel it entails risks you do not wish to accept, you are free to choose not to participate in that aspect of the event /experience.

## **By Your Signature Below, You Agree To The Following:**

I have read this document thoroughly, and I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks associated with this event/experience and further that I am freely choosing to participate in it.

I for myself and for my successors of every kind, release Mount St. Mary's University and its employees from liability for any injury, illness, or loss I may sustain as a result of participating in this event/experience.

I also agree to abstain from the use of illegal substances, drugs, and alcohol. Possession and / or use of such substances will lead to immediate expulsion from the program, and may lead to legal consequences within the state in which my service occurs.

## **Signature**

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable – son or daughter is under the age of 18 at the time of the event/experience)