

**MINOR’S EL SENDERO HUT WINTER USE  
WARNING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

**THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

I desire that \_\_\_\_\_ (“Minor”) voluntarily participate in the use of the hut which is owned and operated by El Sendero Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe Club (“El Sendero”) and operated on land leased from Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) (all collectively “Hut Operators”). The hut operated by the Hut Operators shall hereinafter be referred to as “The Hut”. In consideration for the Hut Operators permitting Minor to participate in the use of the Hut, I have agreed to execute this Minor’s El Sendero Hut Winter Use Warning and Acknowledgement of Risk, Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (the “Release”).

I am 18 years or older and the legal guardian or parent of Minor. I acknowledge that skiing and wilderness travel in the winter have inherent risks, hazards and dangers for any skier which cannot be eliminated, particularly in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain. **I understand that these risks, hazards and dangers include without limitation:**

1. Risks arising from skiing in areas that are not patrolled, where snow conditions vary, are unpredictable and change, where objects are not marked and hazards may not be visible, where slopes are not groomed, maintained or controlled, where weather is changeable and unpredictable and where avalanches occur;
2. Risks involved in decision making and route finding in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain; and risks of getting lost and of not reaching the hut;
3. Risks arising from travel and overnight stays at an altitude just below 7,000 feet above sea level including without limitation, acute mountain sickness, high altitude cerebral edema, high altitude pulmonary edema, and other effects of altitude and altitude-related sickness;
4. Risks arising from the use of a remote, simple hut with no communication systems in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain;
5. Such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to the sport of skiing and to skiing and wilderness travel in the winter in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain.

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I have read the information provided to me and Minor by El Sendero through the group leader concerning the use of the Hut. I also acknowledge that Hut Operators and their staff have been available to more fully explain to me and Minor the risks, hazards and dangers of skiing, winter travel, and use of the Hut. I understand that skiing to use the Hut in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge different from other types of skiing. I and Minor understand that Minor has responsibilities as a skier and backcountry traveler in the winter.

**I AM VOLUNTARILY ALLOWING MINOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE USE OF THE HUT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INHERENT RISKS, HAZARDS AND DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, PARALYSIS OR DEATH.**

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Lastly, I, for myself and on behalf of Minor, our heirs, successors, executors and subrogors, hereby **KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE HUT OPERATORS**, their directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, suits, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and **ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF ANY KIND OR NATURE**, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to Minor or Minor's Property as a result of Minor's traveling to or from The Hut or use of the Hut, the use of their information services and skiing and traveling in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain, whether such damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death results from **ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE** of the Hut Operators or any of them, their directors, officers, agents, employees and volunteers or from some other cause.

I, for myself and on behalf of Minor, our heirs, successors, executors, personal representatives, and subrogors, further agree not to sue the Hut Operators, their directors, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers as a result of any injury, paralysis or death that may occur while participating in the use of the Hut System. This release is intended to be a comprehensive release of liability but is not intended to assert defenses that are prohibited by law.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS WARNING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.**

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Today's Date                      Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (Please Print)                      Date of Parent or Guardian's Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                                      State                                      Zip                                      Telephone Number

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian                                      Minor's Name (Please print)