

UNCG Outdoor Adventures Climbing Wall (The Edge) Assumption of Risk, Indemnity Agreement and Release

To be signed by Participant if over age 18 and by both Participant and Parent/Guardian if Participant is under age 18. Participants under the age of 18 are referred to as “child/ward.” Rock climbing, and all associated activities, are referred to as "The Activity.”

Rock climbing occurs on UNCG’s artificial climbing wall, The Edge, which reaches 40 feet in height. It is not always within the power of UNCG’s The Edge staff to protect all participants at all times from the hazards of rock climbing. The staff seeks safety, but they are not infallible. They may be ignorant of a participant's fitness or abilities; they may give inadequate warnings or instructions; the equipment being used may malfunction.

In order to enhance safety and lessen the chance of injury, participants must wear harnesses, and helmets are strongly advised. Participants are responsible for the condition of personal climbing harnesses. Both harnesses and helmets are available. Spotters are also recommended while bouldering. A recommended ground training session provides participants with instruction in basic safety, communication, and use of equipment.

Potential dangers include but are not limited to:

- Falling from high elevations (up to 50 feet)
- Injury in the form of cuts, bruises, abrasions, muscle tendon strain, and rope burns
- Equipment or other debris falling from above the participant and the belayer
- Getting sand, dirt or other materials in eyes
- Falling while tied to safety ropes
- Slips, trips, falls or painful crashes while using the facilities or equipment, climbing wall, bouldering area and landing area

I acknowledge that the Activity entails known and unanticipated risks, which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, **death**, or damage to me, or my child/ward, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the Activity.

I, on behalf of myself and my child/ward, expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in the Activity. My, or my child/ward’s, participation in the Activity is purely voluntary, and despite the risks.

I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I, or my child/ward, may cause or suffer while participating in the Activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself.

I, or my child/ward, have the necessary skills to participate in the Activity, and I, or my child/ward, is fully capable of participating in the Activity without causing harm to myself, or my child/ward, or others.

I further certify that I, or my child/ward, have no medical or physical conditions that could interfere with their safety, or the safety of any other participant in the Activity, or else I am willing to assume--and bear the costs of--all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. I authorize UNCG or The Edge staff to obtain or provide emergency hospitalization, surgical or other medical care for me, or my child/ward, as necessary in the discretion of UNCG or The Edge staff.

If I, or my child/ward, require accommodations in order to participate in the Activity, I will contact UNCG Disability Services at 334-5440 no later than 21 days prior to departure to determine what, if any, accommodations can/will be provided.

Should UNCG, its trustees, agents, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on its behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold such entities and/or persons harmless for all fees and costs.

In exchange for the promises and undertakings of the parties, and UNCG's services provided to me, or my child/ward, in connection with the Activity, I, on behalf of myself, and on behalf of my child/ward, hereby knowingly and voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless UNCG, its trustees, agents, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on its behalf, from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with the Activity, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of UNCG, its trustees, agents, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on its behalf.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and have understood it. By signing below, I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant (age 18 or older) _____ Date _____
Print Name _____
Address _____
Telephone No. _____
<i>Spring Semester Signature:</i> _____ <i>Date</i> _____

Additional Signature of Parent/Guardian (for Participants under age18)
_____ Date _____
Print Name _____
Address _____
Telephone No. _____
<i>Spring Semester Signature:</i> _____ <i>Date</i> _____