## **RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT** (For student and parent/guardian to read and sign)

Notice: Read this document carefully. This document affects your legal rights, and contains waivers and releases of your rights.

Each person participating in Trinity College's Quest Pre-Orientation Program must sign this document. A parent or legal guardian of each participant who is a minor under 18 years old must also sign this document in both his/her individual capacity and his/her capacity as the parent or guardian of the minor in order to bind the minor as if he/she was at least 18 years old.

Each reference to "I" or "me" that appears below refers to each adult signing this Agreement and each minor Participant for whom I am signing this Agreement as his/her parent or legal guardian.

Trinity College's Quest Pre-Orientation Program (the "Activity") provides participants with challenging outdoor experiential activities requiring problem solving, decision making, self and group awareness, trust, cooperation, and consideration of others. The Activity is a wilderness experience that may include, but is not limited to, such activities as hiking, climbing, rappelling, and wilderness camping and backpacking.

I wish to participate in the related outdoor opportunities offered by the Activity. I acknowledge that any participation in the Activity involves known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, musculoskeletal injuries, head injuries, paralysis, death or damage to me, to property, or to third parties. I understand such risks are inherent in the nature of the activities and cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the Activity. The risks include, but are not limited to: accidents, acts of nature, attacks or injury from animals and insects, exposure to hazardous weather conditions, allergies or other illnesses and other circumstances inherent to an outdoor setting. I understand and agree that this list of potential risks is not intended to be exclusive but simply to give a general description of some types of risks that are inherent to a wilderness experience. I also acknowledge there may be limited or no access to immediate medical care. I agree that my participation in the Activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. I therefore expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks inherent in the Activity.

I hereby for myself, my family, heirs, and executors forever discharge and hold harmless Trinity College, its President, Trustees, Fellows, and all of its officers, directors, staff, students, and contractors (all of which are collectively called the "Released Parties"), from and against any and all claims, demands or causes of action which are in any way arising from or connected with the inherent risks associated with the Activity or my use of equipment or facilities. In addition, if I pursue a claim in violation of this provision, I agree to indemnify and reimburse any of the Released Parties for attorneys' fees, costs or related expenses incurred in responding to any such claim.

I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause while participating, and in all events agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Trinity College, its President, Trustees, Fellows, and all of its officers, directors, staff, students, and contractors for any claims or losses caused by my conduct during this activity.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document consisting of one page. I have read and understood it, have signed it knowingly and voluntarily, and agree to be bound by its terms.

If I am signing this agreement as a parent or legal guardian of a minor under age 18, I confirm that I am granting permission for that minor to participate in the Activity. I specifically confirm that I am providing the releases, discharges, indemnifications and other assurances, certifications and agreements contained herein on behalf of myself and any minor under age 18 for whom I am signing this Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement and that each reference to "I" or "me" shall in this Agreement shall refer to me and to each minor for whom I am signing as her/his parent or legal guardian.

Participant Signature (mandatory)

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Parent/Guardian Signature (mandatory if participant is under 18)
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