ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND RELEASE

I am an incoming undergraduate student in Columbia College or The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia University and will be participating in the Columbia Outdoor Orientation Program (COÖP) which is administered through Undergraduate Student Life. The COÖP experience is designed to help incoming students build a community with other first-year and current students and is divided into three sub-programs, hiking (HOP), biking (BOP), and river canoeing (ROP). I confirm that my participation in the COÖP hiking, biking, or river canoeing (Event) is wholly voluntary. I understand that this Event is not a requirement of my degree program or of any class.

WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I hereby waive and release Columbia University (including any trustee, faculty member, officer, employee, or student, whether in their professional or personal capacity or otherwise) from any actions, claims, liabilities, and damages arising from or relating to the Event, and all associated activities, including, without limitation, any damages for personal injury, illness, or property loss that I may sustain in connection with my travel to or from, or while on location at the Event. I hereby assume, knowingly and voluntarily, all risks of my participation.

In consideration of my participation in the Event, I knowingly:

• understand that, although Columbia will take steps to foster COÖP trip safety, there are inherent risks in many activities and there are significant levels of personal responsibility that I must assume for myself as Columbia cannot guarantee my safety;
• agree that I will participate in the activities as defined for the COÖP trip and not veer off independently from the activities scheduled for this trip;
• adhere to the alcohol free and drug free conduct defined for the COÖP trip;
• acknowledge that the Columbia administrative staff or agents attending the COÖP trip are not necessarily medically trained to care for any physical or medical problems of individuals participating;
• represent that I have adequate health and hospitalization insurance for any injuries that I may receive as a result of my participation in the Event; I understand that neither the University nor any of its agents or instructors serves as guardians or insurers of my safety;
• agree to use good personal judgment and exercise caution in any potentially high-risk situations at the Event site; and
• recognize that I will be governed by all applicable University policies and rules, and I agree to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times. If my conduct violates any policy or rule of the University, I understand that I may be required to leave the COÖP trip at my own expense, at the sole discretion of the University.

In case of accident or due to serious illness or injury I hereby authorize Columbia University and its representatives to contact the person(s) listed below:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name __________________________ Relationship __________________
I am aware that there are inherent risks in participation in the program and the associated events including but not limited to: hypothermia; heat exhaustion; burns; punctures; lacerations; bruises; contusions; broken bones; head injuries, slips, trips and falls; animal attacks; snake bites; insect and/or tick bites, and transportation accidents.

I have decided to voluntarily participate in this program, despite any of the potential risks.

Signed: ___________________________  Date: ____________

Student Name (print) ___________________________  UNI: ____________

Phone Number ___________________________

The signature of a parent or guardian is required for COÖP participants under 18 years of age.

Signed: ___________________________  Date: ____________

Parent/Guardian Name (print) ___________________________