

NOTICE

The environment that you will be traveling and operating in presents hazards that are different from everyday life. Just as some people forget to fasten their seatbelts, many forget to practice simple wilderness safety rules. The "It can't happen to me!" attitude has caused many accidents resulting in serious or fatal injuries. While it is impossible to eliminate all risks, you can increase your margin of safety by paying close attention to safety rules and procedures presented during your class. Problems such as falls, stream crossing, lightning, storms, and adverse weather can be reduced if you personally strive to be aware of the hazards the wilderness environment presents and of responsible conduct within this environment.

Further, since this class involves both manipulative skills and the exercise of good judgment it is wise to practice the required skills so that they may be executed properly even under stress. If you display a lack of skill or good judgment you will be barred from further participation in the class for your own safety.

While we maintain high standards of skill and experience in our leaders, they cannot be everywhere at once nor are they able to guarantee you total protection from accidents and injuries. We encourage you to develop a questioning attitude and hope you will ask our leaders to explain any action, direction, or procedure with which you or others are unsure or uncomfortable. You will not be required to climb or rappel if you do not wish to. You may be required to take such actions or actions may be taken by the instructors or others to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Be aware that rescues for even minor injuries may easily require a minimum of six to eight hours before you can be treated by a physician. Delays of this nature are not uncommon in the mountains. We do not carry radio communication equipment for our trips.

The major goal of our classes is to educate people in safe wilderness skills and attitudes. It is up to you to make use of this material and these skills and become a safe wilderness traveler.

I certify that I have read and thoroughly understand the material above and its meaning.

Name

Date