

# Quail Ridge Reserve Information Packet

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## **GENERAL USE**

The Quail Ridge Reserve is open to use for qualified research and educational purposes. All use must be approved by and coordinated with the Reserve Manager. It is imperative that all reserve users adhere to the safety and access rules. Information below includes details on liability waivers, preliminary visits, submitting applications for research or class use, facilities and resources available, user responsibilities, safety tips, and potential hazards.

## **ARRANGING INTRODUCTORY VISITS**

Researchers and educators who are considering using the reserve should contact the reserve manager by e-mail or phone to arrange a reserve tour and to discuss the feasibility of the planned use. Introductory visits do not require the submission of a Use Application, but may require completion of UC Liability Waivers.

## **UC LIABILITY WAIVER**

1. Before visiting the reserve for the first time, all persons not affiliated with the University of California must read and sign the NRS Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement, which is included with this packet or found at (<http://nrs.ucdavis.edu/Quail/Technical/Technical.htm#wavers>). These waivers may not be altered and electronic signatures are not acceptable.
2. Signed forms may be mailed or delivered to the reserve manager on the first visit. Classes not affiliated with the University of California, should obtain and return waivers before the class arrives.

## **CONDUCTING RESEARCH**

1. Submit an online NRS Research Use Application: If you decide to conduct research at the Quail Ridge Reserve, you must submit an online NRS Research Use Application. We use the online Reserve Application Management System (RAMS) at (<http://www.ucnrs.org/RAMS/Application/NRSApplication.lasso?reserve=9>). Approved applications are valid for one field season only (from the date of approval through June 30). If you have multiple projects, please submit an application for each project.

Each application requires a "Statement of Proposed Research Project". The Statement should be a complete, but brief, research proposal describing the research question, its significance, and the methods that will be used to answer the question. In particular, please clearly describe the location of field sites (as specifically as possible) and any potential disturbances to the reserve's ecosystem or cultural resources, including all experimental manipulations, collections, and the introduction of any species or genotypes. The application will be evaluated using the following considerations: potential impacts to natural systems; potential impacts to present or future long-term use of reserve for research or instructional purposes; potential conflicts with ongoing research or instructional programs; availability of alternative sites. Applications will be evaluated quickly so that research projects can commence in a timely fashion.

2. **Subsequent visits.** Once a research application is approved users must sign in near the field station each day that they use the reserve.

3. **Researcher responsibilities.** Researchers must provide the reserve managers with a location of research site locations (we will help GPS if necessary) and basic raw data (e.g., numbers of organisms, species, etc.) for station archives. Register metadata for all reserve datasets on the NRS Dataset registry (<http://knb.ecoinformatics.org/cgi-bin/register-dataset.cgi?cfg=nrs>).

Annual Summary of Research Project: Please provide the following by June 30 of each year. Reserve staff will e-mail a reminder. The summary and list of publications will be published in the NRS Annual Report and on the NRS Web Page:

- A. A brief summary of research accomplishments, including the title of the project and a list of all participants on the project with their affiliations.
- B. A list of your current publications based on research done on the reserve (complete references).
- C. Two copies of all published materials, including conference proceedings, abstracts, and technical reports (one bound copy only of theses and dissertations), resulting from your research. Please acknowledge the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESERVE SYSTEM, UCD QUAIL RIDGE RESERVE in any publication resulting from use of the reserve.
- D. Sources of funding for project, dates of funding, and the funding amount.

## **CLASS USE AND FIELD COURSES**

The Reserve and Field Station are available for single or multi-day field courses.

1. **Submit an online NRS Class Use application.** A separate application must be submitted for each visit. The Quail Ridge Reserve uses the online Reserve Application Management System (RAMS) at <http://www.ucnrs.org/RAMS/Application/NRSApplication.lasso?reserve=9> for the submission of class use requests.

2. Reserve users who are not UC students or employees must sign and return a UC liability waiver prior to visiting the reserve. The parent or legal guardian must sign the release agreements for minors. It is the responsibility of the group leader (the person who submits the application) to find out who in their group must sign a release agreement and to insure that they are on file with the Reserve Manager prior to the proposed visit. These forms are available at (<http://nrs.ucdavis.edu/Quail/Technical/Technical.htm#wavers>).

3. The group leader is also responsible for making sure each participant is aware of the reserve policies and guidelines listed on the application and in the information packet for the reserve being visited.

## **FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Classes and researchers are welcome to use the Field Station, which is located 1/2 mile from Highway 128 via the west easement road. It has a kitchen, shower, bunk beds (for 4 people), and work/lab area. There is a phone, which can be used with a calling card, and a T1 connection for computers. Visitors should bring their own bedding (twin sheets, pillows, sleeping bag, etc.). There is hot and cold running water for washing. There is no janitorial service - users are expected to leave the facilities cleaner than they find them. Contact reserve staff for more information. Classes may also use the area around the field station to camp or another location can be made available with water and portable toilets.

Reserve staff is available to answer questions, give advice, and provide information. The Natural History of the Quail Ridge Reserve handbook is available at the UC Davis NRS office. Also available from this office are brochures of the reserve and a set of GIS coverages of the reserve, including the maps found in the handbook.

## **USER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Collecting is permitted only with the express permission of the Reserve Manager, appropriate collecting permits from state and federal agencies, and strict compliance with the UCD Animal Care Council. Any trapping and handling of vertebrates requires previous approval of the UCD Animal Care Council and the manager. See the Research and Class Use applications for further details.
2. Smoking is prohibited on the reserve. (The parking lot area of the Field Station may be used to smoke.)
3. Vehicles must stay on established roadways and vehicle trails. Please refer to the Road Use Guidelines (Appendix 3) and confer with reserve staff regarding road conditions. Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. Park only in designated areas.
4. Leave all gates as you find them (e.g., if closed and locked, close and lock it after passing).
5. Pack out trash.
6. Do not disturb experiments.

## **SAFETY**

Be aware that from many parts of the reserve, the nearest phone or cellular phone service may be a couple of miles away. It is advisable to carry first aid equipment, extra water, and a cell phone. Cell phone reception is generally restricted to hilltops.

Be aware that hunters and off-highway vehicle enthusiasts use the surrounding areas - BLM lands and Private holdings - and trespassing and poaching may occur. Please help ensure everyone's security by notifying the Reserve Manager of any inappropriate uses of the reserve that you see.

### **Precautions during fire season**

Since fire is a significant danger at the Quail Ridge Reserve, several precautions need to be taken during the fire season, April through November.

- Be very aware of the arid conditions and the potential for fire!
- Fire swatter flaps (heavy rubber mop sort of things with handles) are located at the field station. The name of the tool is misleading, however. Please do not “swat” the fire with it. This will only serve to fan the fire and to spread sparks. Instead, use it in a mopping motion or place it over a burn area and step on it to smother flames. McLeods and Pulaskis are also available.
- Do not drive or park vehicles off the road unless you have the specific permission of the Reserve manager or staff. Catalytic converters on cars get very hot and can start fires very quickly.

### **POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

Potential hazards include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Rattlesnakes.** Wear long pants and hiking boots, and use caution when hiking over rocks, logs, or in tall grass. Carrying a snakebite kit when working in remote locations is advised. For more information on Rattlesnakes see: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74119.html>

**Poison Oak.** Common in riparian areas and shaded north facing slopes. May be avoided. "Leaves of three, let them be." For more information on Poison Oak see: <http://poisonivy.aesir.com/>

**Ticks.** Ticks in this area may carry Lyme disease. Routine body-checks for ticks are advised. If bitten, monitor symptoms and consult with a physician. For more information on Lyme disease see: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7485.html> or <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/>

**Mountain Lions.** Avoid hiking alone, make noise, and if confronted, throw things and yell. Do not bend down. Do not run. For more information on California Mountain Lions see: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/issues/lion.html>

**Rugged Terrain.** Quail Ridge is a wildland environment. There are downed logs, unstable rocks, steep slopes, cliffs, ground squirrel holes, steep and narrow roads, and many other potential hazards. Use caution and good judgment.

**Hantavirus.** This is a potentially fatal disease caused by a virus shed by deermice. Do not handle live or dead rodents or their feces or urine. For more information on Hanta virus see below or: <http://ehs.ucdavis.edu/animal/health/hantavirus.cfm>

### **Information regarding Hantavirus**

Hantavirus is a pathogen found in the deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) in North America. The disease caused by this virus is called HARDS (Hantavirus Acute Respiratory Syndrome) or HPS (Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome). Although the risk of getting the disease from a trip to the Quail Ridge Reserve is very low, HARDS is a potentially fatal disease, and some basic precautions should be taken.

Rodents are hosts for a variety of diseases and parasites, including ticks, fleas which carry plague, and rabies. Hantavirus is transmitted through the body fluids of the deer mouse, and can become airborne when large masses of feces and urine are disturbed. Short visits to the Reserve present low risk. Most cases of Hantavirus infection have occurred as a result of occupation of buildings that have been inhabited by large numbers of rodents for many years. The precautions for avoiding infection by Hantavirus are the same as those for the avoidance of any illness which may be contracted from rodents. Practice of Universal Precautions means treating all potentially infectious mammals and insects as if they all are infectious.

In response to this concern, the University is making every effort to reduce and avoid contact between users of the Reserve and mice. However, this effort requires your assistance and we request your help and cooperation, especially by complying with the suggested RISK REDUCTION and CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES.

The program has three components:

1. Reducing food, water, and refuge in and adjacent to buildings.
2. Reducing mouse ingress, egress, and access to the buildings.
3. Reducing mouse populations in the buildings by trapping.

Although, it is probably impossible to completely eliminate mice from the buildings, this program should result in reduced exposure for our users and staff.

### **Risk Reduction Guidelines:**

- **Do not feed any wild animals.** Viruses and diseases are often passed through saliva; to reduce your chances of being bitten, avoid contact with wild animals. Infected mice may not show any symptoms of these diseases.
- **Keep food and drink in rodent-proof containers.**
- **Keep cooking and dining areas as clean as possible.**
- **Report any signs of rodent infestations to the Reserve manager or staff.**

### **Clean-up of mouse-soiled areas:**

1. Special precautions are necessary when signs of mice are present, especially feces, urine, and nest materials. Dry clean up (sweeping, vacuuming) is not recommended as this atomizes particles that may be inhaled. Proper clean-up entails:
  - Wearing rubber gloves

- Wetting the entire area with disinfectant (household bleach (1 to 4 parts water) or Lysol).
  - Wet-mopping with disinfectant or wiping up the area with paper towels.
  - Bagging the towels and disposing of them in the trash.
  - If the area is extremely soiled, notify staff for clean-up advice.
2. Trapping and removal of trapped mice should be done by staff unless authorized. Appropriate precautions and guidelines must be followed.

Symptoms of Hantavirus infection:

HARDS first manifests itself as mild flu-like symptoms (muscle ache, slight fever, and lethargy), usually two to six weeks after exposure to the virus. Acute respiratory distress may follow. If you experience flu-like symptoms and believe you may have had contact with the rodents within the last 30 days, contact your physician immediately and tell him/her specifically that you believe that you have been exposed to Hantavirus.

More detailed information concerning Hantavirus is posted at the reserve.



## Emergency Contacts List

<b>Fire</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>

**The Address Here Is:** 7001 Highway 128, Napa, Ca 94558

**The Phone Number Here Is:** (707) 966-6949

### **TELL EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

“Located on the ridge-top between Markley Cove and Wragg Canyon Road. Gate is on the north side of Hwy 128 at mile marker 30.42 Gate is a double metal pipe gate painted brown. The combination to the lock is ...”

### **Other Emergencies Services**

#### Closest Hospital:

Sutter Davis Hospital (Take Hwy.128 East to  
Davis, Covell Blvd. at Hwy.113)  
2000 Sutter Place Davis, Ca 95617 (530) 756-6440

Poison Control Information, UC Davis Medical Center (800) 342-9293

Helicopter (REACH – Redwood Empire Air Care Helicopter) (800) 338-4045  
\*Field Station Coordinates: 38.4795 N, 122.1494 W

Fire (Spanish Flats CDF Station) (707) 966-2344

Highway Patrol (Napa County) (707) 253-4906

Sheriff (Napa County) (707) 263-2331

Psychiatry (24 Hour Crisis response line) (800) 801-3077

Animal Control (Napa County) (707) 253-4517

### **Other Services**

PacBell Phone Co. 611

Electric Co. (800) 743-5000

## RESERVE CONTACTS:

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University Field Station  
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Napa, CA 94558  
(707) 966-6949

Quail Ridge Reserve Webpage: <http://nrs.ucdavis.edu/quail.html>

UCD Website: <http://nrs.ucdavis.edu>

Systemwide Website: <http://nrs.ucop.edu>

## Field Station Clean up

Welcome to the Quail Ridge Field Station. Because there is no custodial staff, **all users** are expected to clean up after themselves and to leave the station a little cleaner than they found it. All users, even those staying a short time, are expected to clean. Large groups should clean the entire station upon departure. Here are some guidelines for cleaning up. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PLEASE KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN, FOOD STORED PROPERLY AND TABLES AND COUNTERS WIPED DOWN AT ALL TIMES.**

### **Suggested Cleaning:**

Bedrooms     Dust furniture and window sills.  
                      Close the windows.  
                      Sweep floor.  
                      Mop floor.

Living Room    Wipe down tables, chairs and window sills.  
                      Scrub conspicuous marks off the walls.  
                      Sweep floor.  
                      Mop floor.

Kitchen        Wash, dry and put away all dishes and pots & pans.  
                      Wipe down all countertops and window sill.  
                      Clean stove top and hood (use non-abrasive cleaner on hood).  
                      Clean oven if you used it.  
                      Empty all trash and replace bag.  
                      Take all recycling with you.  
                      Sweep floor.  
                      Mop floor.  
                      Clean **ALL** your food out of refrigerator and wipe it down. Do not leave **any** perishable food.

Bathroom     Clean toilet.  
                      Clean shower (non-abrasive cleaner).  
                      Clean sink and mirror (non-abrasive cleaner).  
                      Empty trash.  
                      Sweep floor.  
                      Mop floor.

Outside        Sweep porch.  
                      Pick up any debris such as cans or wrappers.  
                      **Take all trash with you.**

## Road Use Guidelines

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY BEFORE DRIVING ON THE RESERVE. THE ROADS ARE UNIMPROVED DIRT – THEY ARE EASILY DAMAGED AND MAY BE DANGEROUSLY SLIPPERY WHEN WET. IF YOU REQUIRE ACCESS TO YOUR SITES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO WALK DURING WET PERIODS. CONTACT RESERVE STAFF FOR ROAD STATUS AND LIMITATIONS *BEFORE* VISITING RESERVE.**

**BEFORE DRIVING ON RESERVE ROADS, USERS MUST SIGN A RELEASE FORM AND HAVE A COPY OF THE ROADMAP.**

### DRY SEASON

**2-wheel drive is ok to the field station, but not beyond**

**4-wheel drive – please engage your hubs when you leave the highway**

Although the entrance road is steep and wash-boarded in places, most personal vehicles can be driven from the entrance gate at the highway (Main gate) to the gate near the field station (University gate). If you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle, please engage the hubs as soon as you leave the highway. If you have only 2-wheel drive, please try not to spin your wheels as you ascend the hill – slow down and you should regain traction. If your car has low clearance, you may have some difficulty even on the entrance road, so please consider carpooling with a friend with a higher vehicle.

Parking is available near the University gate to the field station - along the entrance road, toward the porta-potties and just beyond the gate. Park in mowed or gravel areas only.

### Interior Roads

**Only 4-wheel drive vehicles are allowed on these roads - they are steep and narrow. Use caution when driving them. Consult the road map for parking areas and designated turnarounds.**

Personal 4-wheel drive vehicles are prohibited beyond the field station except by special arrangement with reserve staff. A Chevy Blazer and John Deere Gator utility vehicles are available by prior arrangement with reserve staff.

Bicycles may be used during the dry season for research by prior arrangement with staff. Recreational use is not allowed.

### Wet Season

**2-wheel drive is ok to the field station, but not beyond**

**4-wheel drive – please engage your hubs when you leave the highway**

### Interior Roads

**By prior arrangement only.**

Contact Reserve staff before visiting the Reserve. When roads are wet, large, heavy vehicles, such as 4-wheel drive SUVs, will cause damage to the road. At such times, Gators are available for use by researchers. If it is *extremely* wet, it may be necessary to close **ALL** roads to **ALL** forms of travel other than walking. **Failure to follow these guidelines may result in your being charged for road repairs**

**No bicycles are allowed during the rainy season.** Ruts made by the narrow tires may lead to severe erosion.

For information on road conditions contact:

Virginia Boucher 530 752-6949 [vlboucher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vlboucher@ucdavis.edu)  
Shane Waddell 530 754-7108 [smwaddell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smwaddell@ucdavis.edu)  
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# John Deere Gator Safety & Operation

## Safety List

Pay attention to safety decals on the machine. These identify potential hazards, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

- The vehicle should not be operated by anyone under the age of 16.
- Keep the machine under control. It is not a recreational vehicle. Do not misuse it. Horseplay and misuse can lead to accidents, severe bodily injury or death.
- Sit on the center of the seat and keep both feet within the foot platform perimeter. Always use both hands for steering.
- Always stay on existing roads. Avoid terrain where you do not belong, such as dangerous slopes, impassable creeks and low hanging branches.
- Before dismounting: Come to a complete stop. Turn off engine. Shift to neutral. Set parking brake.
- Keep riders off vehicle. Seating is provided for operator and one passenger. No riders are allowed in cargo box or anywhere else on vehicle.
- Avoid tipping: Drive slowly when turning. Sharp turns could cause the vehicle to roll over even at slower speeds or on flat ground. Reduce speed and exercise extreme caution on slopes or on rough ground. Do not stop or start suddenly when going uphill or downhill. Be especially cautious when changing direction on slopes. Keep front wheels straight at crest of hill or going over bumps. Stay alert for holes, rocks, and roots in the terrain, and other hidden hazards. Keep away from drop-offs.
- Transport loads safely. Be sure load is evenly distributed. Do not load above load guard. 800 lb. Maximum payload. Reduce load when operating on rough or hilly terrain. Securely anchor all loads.
- Keep off public roadways.

## John Deere Gator Safety & Operation continued

### Operation List

- Before driving, get to know the machine. Know the location of the controls and how and what they operate.
- Clean off foot platform if dirty, and remove any debris from around foot controls.
- Inspect the vehicle: Check the tires for flats or damage. Check the gasoline gage located under the driver's seat. Add fuel if necessary.
- Use of the parking brake: To engage brake pull up lever and latch into place. To disengage brake pull up on lever, depress button, and push lever down. Parking brake is located on console to right of driver's seat.
- Avoid grinding gears: Wait until the engine speed returns to low idle speed before shifting. Do not race engine then shift into gear. Use a firm shifting motion – one stroke – do not try to ease it in. Always come to complete stop before shifting. The shift lever is located on console to right of driver's seat. FORWARD – push lever ahead. NEUTRAL – move lever to middle position. REVERSE – push lever to right then pull rearward.
- The differential lock is used too provide better traction when rear wheels start to slip. Engaging the differential lock will cause all rear wheels to turn equally. **Using the differential lock:** To engage differential lock stop or slow the vehicle engine speed to 1/3 throttle or less. Push down on lever (located next to the gear shift lever). Function indicator panel light on dash will come “ON”. To disengage differential lock, raise lever. Function indicator panel light on dash will go “OFF”.
- Starting the engine: Sit on operator's seat. Push down accelerator; be sure it operates freely. Move shift lever to neutral and engage parking break.
- Avoid unnecessary slow idling. Instead, stop engine.
- Never operate vehicle with cargo box raised.
- Operating the tailgate: Push in and down on tailgate latch rods. Pull latch rod out and down, and lower tailgate onto ends. Do not drive with latch rods disengaged and tailgate fully lowered.
- If there are any problems with vehicle return immediately and notify the reserve steward or director.













**GROUP WAIVER** (pg. 2):

**Acknowledgement of Understanding:** I acknowledge that I have read the attached waiver of liability and fully understand its terms. I affirm that I am voluntarily visiting or participating in activities at the above location(s) and further acknowledge that I know, understand, and appreciate the inherent risks of the visitation or participation. I assume full responsibility for any and all injuries or damages which may occur to me as a result of the inherent risks associated with the visitation or participation.

I understand and agree to the Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement:

Participant's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
NATURAL RESERVE SYSTEM

**Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement**

**Waiver:** In consideration of being permitted to visit or participate in any way in any activity, including transportation, at the following UC Natural Reserves: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** The Regents of the University of California, its officers, employees, and agents from liability **from any and all claims including the negligence of The Regents of the University of California, its officers, employees, and agents**, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to visitation or participation in any way in any activity, including transportation, at the above locations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Minor's Parent/Guardian                      Date                      Signature of Participant                      Date

**Assumption of Risks:** Visitation or participation carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains to 2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions to 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

**I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent** in visitation or participation. I hereby **assert that my visitation or participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.**

**Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD The Regents of the University of California HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in visitation or participation and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

**Severability:** The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of California and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Acknowledgment of Understanding:** I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

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Signature of Minor's Parent/Guardian                      Date                      Signature of Participant                      Date

Participant's Age (If Minor): \_\_\_\_\_





**UNIVERSIDAD DE CALIFORNIA EN DAVIS**  
**Reserva Quail Ridge**

**Renuncia de responsabilidad, asunción de riesgo y acuerdo de indemnización**

**Renuncia:** A cambio de que se me permita participar en cualquier capacidad y en cualquier actividad, inclusive en proveer transportación en el lugar anteriormente mencionado, yo, en mi nombre y en el de mis herederos, representantes o designados personales, **por la presente relevo, renuncio, eximo y acepto no demandar** a los miembros de la Junta de Regentes de la Universidad de California, sus funcionarios, empleados y representantes, de responsabilidad **de todo reclamo, incluyendo la negligencia de los miembros de la Junta de Regentes de la Universidad de California, sus funcionarios, empleados y representantes**, resultante en lesiones, accidentes o enfermedades (inclusive la muerte) y pérdida de propiedad originada por, pero no limitada a, visitar o participar de cualquier manera y en cualquier actividad, inclusive en proveer transportación, en el lugar mencionado anteriormente.

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Firma del padre o tutor del menor

Fecha

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Firma del adulto participante

Fecha

**Asunción de riesgos:** Visitar o participar conlleva ciertos riesgos propios de tales proyectos y actividades que no pueden ser eliminados a pesar del cuidado que se tome para evitar lesiones o daños. Los riesgos específicos varían de una a otra actividad, pero los riesgos pueden incluir: 1) lesiones menores tales como rasguños, magulladuras y torceduras; 2) lesiones mayores como lesiones a los ojos o pérdida de la vista, lesiones a coyunturas o a la espalda, ataques al corazón y contusión cerebral; 3) lesiones catastróficas, inclusive parálisis y muerte.

**He leído los párrafos anteriores y sé, comprendo y me doy cuenta de éstos y otros riesgos inherentes de las visitas o la participación. Por la presente afirmo que mi participación es voluntaria y que asumo, a sabiendas, todos los riesgos.**

**Indemnización y eliminación de responsabilidad:** También estoy de acuerdo en INDEMNIZAR Y EXONERAR DE TODA RESPONSABILIDAD a los miembros de la Junta de Regentes de la Universidad de California de cualquier y toda reclamación, acción, demanda, procedimiento, costo, gasto, daños y responsabilidad, inclusive los honorarios de abogados resultantes de mi implicación en visitas o participación y de reembolsar estos costos en caso de incurrir tales gastos.

**Derechos y obligaciones:** El firmante además está de acuerdo específicamente con el hecho que la renuncia y el acuerdo de asunción de riesgos firmados en la presente se proponen ser tan amplios e inclusivos como lo permite la ley del estado de California y, que si cualquier parte de ellos se determina nula, se está de acuerdo en que el resto, sin embargo, mantendrá toda su fuerza y efecto.

**Reconocimiento de entendimiento:** He leído esta renuncia de responsabilidad, asunción de riesgos y acuerdo de indemnización y entiendo por completo las condiciones y **comprendo que estoy renunciando a derechos substanciales, incluyendo mi derecho a entablar una demanda.** Reconozco que firmo este acuerdo libre y voluntariamente, y **con mi firma indico que ésta es una renuncia completa e incondicional de toda responsabilidad** de la manera más amplia permitida por la ley.

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Firma del padre o tutor del menor

Fecha

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Firma del adulto participante

Fecha

Edad del participante (si es menor de 18 años)

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Nombre del participante (en letra de molde)

