

Volunteer Safety and Liability Waiver



Volunteer Activity: _____

Performed by: _____

Safety First

The Freeport Park District thanks you for contributing your time and effort to improve our parks and programs. Together, we enhance the quality of our parks, facilities, and community. Safety is a key part of this mission. Please review and follow the safety guidelines below to help ensure your experience is safe, enjoyable, and productive.

Safety Guidelines

- Participants under the age of 15 must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or organizational representative.
- Volunteers must not engage in any activity beyond their physical capability or comfort level.
- Use of power tools, machinery, or motor-driven equipment is **prohibited unless expressly authorized** by the Freeport Park District.
- All participants must complete and sign this waiver and release form **before** beginning any volunteer activity.
- Appropriate clothing, footwear, gloves, and other safety equipment must be worn for the assigned task.
- Any injury or unsafe condition must be **reported immediately** to a Freeport Park District staff member.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and promptly report hazards to District staff.

Waiver, Release, and Assumption of Risk

I verify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am physically able and medically fit to safely participate as a volunteer. No physician or qualified individual has advised me against participation in activities requiring low to moderate physical exertion.

I understand and acknowledge that I am volunteering of my own free will and that my participation involves **inherent risks**, including but not limited to minor injuries, serious bodily harm, illness, or death. I voluntarily assume all such risks, known and unknown, associated with my participation in these activities.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in volunteer activities with the Freeport Park District ("District"), I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators:

- **Release and discharge** the District, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, losses, or causes of action arising out of or in connection with my participation in any volunteer activity, including travel to and from such activity.
- **Indemnify and hold harmless** the District, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any liability or claims (including those brought by third parties) resulting from my acts or omissions during volunteer service, except where caused by the District's willful and wanton misconduct.
- **Acknowledge** that I am not an employee of the District and that I am not entitled to workers' compensation or other employment benefits.

I understand that the District will defend and indemnify me only for actions taken within the scope of assigned volunteer duties and consistent with District direction. I further understand that I may be personally liable for acts or omissions that constitute intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

Media Release

I understand that events at District facilities may be photographed, videotaped, or otherwise recorded. I hereby grant the District the irrevocable right to use my name, likeness, image, and voice in any medium for promotional or informational purposes, without compensation. I agree not to engage with or speak to the media on behalf of the District unless expressly authorized to do so.

Medical Authorization

In the event of an emergency, I authorize the Freeport Park District to secure medical treatment deemed necessary for my immediate care (or that of my child/minor) and agree to be solely responsible for the costs of such treatment.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____