

Sponsorship Agreement

This Sponsorship Agreement (“Agreement”) is between the Appalachian Mountain Club, a Massachusetts not for profit corporation with a principal business office at 5 Joy Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, acting solely for the purposes of this Agreement by and through the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (the “AMC”) and \_\_\_\_\_, with a principal address of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Sponsor”).

The Sponsor proposes to organize and lead an outdoor trip for children (the “Event”) and has requested that AMC volunteer leaders assist the Sponsor by providing trip advice and outdoor leadership support for the Event. The AMC has agreed to volunteer such advice and leadership support on the terms and conditions provided below.

Summary of Event

Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) and Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Description of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

AMC Chapter Youth Program Coordinator Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

AMC Volunteer Leader Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sponsor acknowledges and agrees that the Event is being organized and operated by the Sponsor rather than the AMC. The sole role of the AMC is for its members (“Volunteer Leaders”) to share their outdoor leadership knowledge and experience to assist the Sponsor in planning and leading the Event. Neither the AMC nor the Volunteer Leaders are responsible for the Event or its management, or the health or safety of the children and adults participating in the Event (“Participants”). For this purpose, the Sponsor hereby releases and holds harmless the AMC and the Volunteer Leaders from any claim for liability or any cause of action other than where arising out of the gross negligence or intentional tort of the AMC or the Volunteer Leaders assisting in the Event. This release and hold harmless agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.**

The AMC and the Sponsor hereby agree to the following terms and conditions for the Event:

- 1. The Sponsor will provide an adequate number of adults to lead and supervise children. Children/adult ratio shall be equal to or better than 8:1.
- 2. The Sponsor shall require Participants to have the minimum clothing and equipment recommended by the AMC, and shall provide any other equipment recommended by the AMC. The AMC will not provide any equipment for the Event.

3. The Sponsor shall assist the AMC in preparing an information sheet for the Event, and distribute the information sheet and a release in the form attached to this Agreement to each Participant for the benefit of the AMC ("Release"). Every Participant and Parent/Guardian of that Participant must execute a Release. The Sponsor shall collect all required Releases prior to the Event and forward them to the AMC Chapter Youth Program Coordinator.
4. The Sponsor shall be responsible for providing all trip logistics (transportation, food, communications, etc.).
5. The Sponsor shall provide the AMC Chapter Youth Program Coordinator with a certificate of insurance identifying the AMC as an additional insured on a general liability policy maintained by the Sponsor for the purpose of the Event.
6. The Sponsor shall schedule and host a pre-trip planning meeting with the appropriate trip leader(s).
7. The Sponsor and AMC agree to the following trip cancellation policy: It is the responsibility of the Sponsor and Participants to provide all required and desired equipment for the Event. An AMC Volunteer Leader may withdraw from a trip at any time before the start of the trip if, in his/her opinion, the equipment provided by the Sponsor or brought by the Participants is inadequate or inappropriate and compromises the safety of the trip. In addition, the AMC, the AMC Chapter Youth Program Coordinator, and the Volunteer Leaders each reserve the right to decline to participate in the Event and/or terminate this Agreement in the event such party is not satisfied with the planning, quality, leadership or safety of the Event.
8. The Sponsor agrees to communicate all concerns, incidents or problems with the AMC Chapter Youth Program Coordinator promptly. This obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

This Agreement cannot be modified without the express written approval of a duly authorized officer of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Without limitation, no member of an AMC Chapter or volunteer has the express or apparent authority to approve any modification to this Agreement.

This Agreement shall expire upon the completion of the Event or within [ten] days following the proposed date of the Event, whichever is earlier.

Executed under seal as of the date below:

Sponsor:

Appalachian Mountain Club

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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