

Membership Form

West Virginia University Student Grotto

Please PRINT clearly and circle any changes or corrections to be made.

Application Type (please circle one): Renewal New Member Change Correction

Member Information:

Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	Email:
City:	NSS #:
State, Zip:	Areas of Interest:

Emergency Contact Info:

Name:	Relationship to Member:
Address:	Home Phone:
City:	Cell Phone:
State, Zip:	Email:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership: (includes subscription to WV Caver).....\$15.00

Received \$ _____ on _____ by _____

Release and Waiver Agreement

The term "WVUSG" used in this document shall refer to the West Virginia University Student Grotto (caving club).

The term "Participant" as used in this document shall refer specifically to the signee at the end of the document.

1) I am aware that participants of the WVUSG voluntarily engage in activities such as, but not limited to caving, climbing, camping, rafting, rappelling, skiing, snowboarding, biking, biking and swimming.

2) I am aware that the activities of a WVUSG event may be hazardous to my property and person. I am voluntarily participating in said activities with knowledge of the possible hazards involved, and hereby agree to accept any and all risks of property damage and personal injury.

3) As a Participant, I hereby release WVUSG, any of its members or participants, and the WVU faculty advisor from any present and future claims, including negligence, property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, arising from my voluntary participation in the activities of an organizational event.

4) As a Participant, I hereby release WVUSG and its faculty advisor from any present and future claims of gross negligence, reckless misconduct or intentional acts, arising from my voluntary participation in the activities of an organizational event.

5) As a Participant, I hereby release any landowners, his tenants or proxies from any and all present and future claims arising from my voluntary participation in the activities of an organizational event.

6) Furthermore, as a Participant, I hereby voluntarily waive any and all claims, both present and future against WVUSG arising from my voluntary participation in the activities of an organizational event including but not limited to, negligence, property damage, personal injury, and wrongful death.

7) I understand that the activities of an organizational event involve certain risks, including but not limited to, the possibility of myself falling, falling debris, drowning, hypothermia, or death by which damage or injury to my property and/or person may result.

8) I understand that equipment that I use such as, but not limited to: ropes, lights, harnesses, head gear, and vertical gear, could fail. I understand that when using borrowed and/or "used" equipment, I assume the risk of failure of the equipment. I understand that I should provide my own equipment. I understand that I am responsible for the proper use of equipment. By using any/all borrowed or "used" equipment, I assume the responsibility for knowing its proper use. Therefore if any equipment that I use fails, I am fully liable and responsible for any damage, injury or death to my person or property that may result.

9) I understand that the activities I engage in, while considered safe, do pose a certain amount of risk and that it is my responsibility to understand said risks before engaging in activities. To that end, I understand it is my responsibility to learn the proper techniques and my own limitations. Furthermore, I understand that I can at any time elect to not participate in any individual activity or portion thereof, without worry of repercussion.

10) **I have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof**, and I sign this release as my own free act, fully understanding that by doing so I am giving up my legal rights and/or remedies which may be available to me.

Signature of Participant: _____ Witness: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE WVU STUDENT GROTTTO

The WVU STUDENT GROTTTO involves strenuous physical activity. **Health professionals recommend that all participants complete a physical exam or have a doctor's approval prior to beginning any exercise program and strongly urge all participants over the age of 45 to have a graded exercise test prior to beginning any exercise program.**

Participation in the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO involves strenuous physical activity including running and cardiovascular training. Possible injuries include, but are not limited to, muscle strains, back injuries, sprains, and more rarely, broken bones, strokes, cardiac malfunction, or other types of catastrophic injury. **All participants must assess their physical condition and the possibility of injury.**

The safe conduct of any group activity, such as the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO, is dependent upon the individual actions of each member of the group. The participant has an obligation to refrain from dangerous or disruptive activity that might endanger the participant or any other member of the group. The use of drugs, alcohol, or any other substances that might be dangerous or detrimental to the participant's performance as a member of this organization is strictly prohibited. In addition:

A. The undersigned understands that he/she is fully responsible for any and all medical expenses that he/she might incur as a result of his/her participation in any of the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities.

B. The undersigned certifies that he/she has adequate medical/hospital insurance coverage that will cover any and all medical expenses resulting from his/her participation in any of the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities.

C. The undersigned agrees that any travel conducted in conjunction with WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities is voluntary and discretionary. **THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY FOR SUCH VOLUNTARY TRAVEL.**

INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

POLICY # _____

1. The undersigned further agrees to conduct himself/herself in a SAFE and PRUDENT MANNER at all times while participating in the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities.
2. The undersigned has read and understands the importance of securing a physician's approval of the undersigned's participation in the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities prior to participation in those activities.
3. The undersigned has read this Agreement and fully understands the risks involved with the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities and willingly agrees to accept and assume those risks during this club sport program and further agree to exonerate and save harmless WVU STUDENT GROTTTO, its officers, trustees, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, causes of action or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with the undersigned's participation in and activities related to the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO
4. The undersigned agrees to follow any verbal and/or written instructions provided by the coaches and/or supervisors during each WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activity.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS

In consideration of the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO providing instruction to me, attempting to further my knowledge and permitting me to participate in the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO,

I, _____ (print name) hereby agree as follows:

1. I hereby covenant not to bring any action legal, equitable, or otherwise, or to make any claim of any nature whatsoever against West Virginia University, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents, the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO and its officers, instructors, representatives and any other persons involved with the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities, either directly or indirectly, for any personal injury or injuries, including death or property damage which I or others might sustain in engaging in WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities necessarily or incidentally associated therewith.

2. I do hereby release and further discharge West Virginia University, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents, and the WVU STUDENT GROTTTO, its officers, instructors, representatives and any other persons, either directly or indirectly, of any responsibility or liability of any nature to me for any personal injuries, death or property damage which I may suffer or incur either directly or indirectly as a result of my participation in WVU STUDENT GROTTTO activities.

3. I MAKE THESE COVENANTS, RELEASES AND WAIVERS KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY EXISTING DANGERS IN TRAINING, PRACTICING, PLAYING, TRAVEL, AND ANY OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES; WHICH DANGERS I HEREBY FURTHER EXPRESSLY VOLUNTARILY ASSUME.

4. I further make these covenants, releases, and waivers to bind myself, my executors, heirs, administrators and assigns to the fullest extent.

5. I do execute this Release with the intent to be legally bound hereby for myself and on behalf of my heirs, administrators, executors and assigns.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WVU Student ID #: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____