Calvin Wilderness Release and Assumption of Risk Form

We are required to inform each participant of the risk and danger involved in adventure activities. Therefore, this “Release and Assumption of Risk” form must be signed by each participant and/or the parent of minors. The recognition and management of the inherent risks and hazards of living and traveling in remote wild areas is taught and practiced on every course. Calvin instructors are committed to helping promote a positive learning environment and physical and emotional well-being for all students. We are very proud of our excellent record managing the risks of wilderness travel.

You will be responsible for transporting your own gear. You will sleep outdoors, prepare your own meals and be expected to care for yourself in weather conditions that can be extreme. Wilderness activity involves hazards: rockfall, very cold rivers, rough open waters, and freezing temperatures can pose a risk to even the most experienced outdoor leader. Activities ranging from simple day hikes to 5th class rock climbing can, due to error in judgment or the unpredictable forces of nature, become dangerous and potentially life threatening.

The remoteness of the areas in which we travel can create complex emergency situations that have no simple solutions. It is possible to be days from medical help.

I am aware that during Calvin College Outdoor Recreation and Education courses, events, trips, and experiences, certain risks and dangers may occur which are out of the control of the instructors and leaders. I further realize that I will be participating in activities in which the risk of an accident may be greater due to the nature and context of outdoor recreation experiences and wilderness living and travel.

In consideration of the right to participate in such Calvin College activities, I have and do hereby assume all of the above risks, and will hold Calvin College, and all Calvin Outdoor Recreation instructors harmless from all liability, actions, courses of action, debts, claims, and demands of every kind and nature which might arise in conjunction with my participation in Calvin Outdoor Recreation and Education activities.

I also acknowledge the fact that the instructors have the right to terminate my participation in Calvin College Outdoor Recreation and Education experiences because of health, physical condition, and/or behavior. I agree that the decisions of the instructors shall be binding upon me.

Name of Participant: __________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Date: _______________________

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if under 18): ________________________________