

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS,
INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE IN THE EVENT OF INJURY**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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TO: THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, including its Department of Botany.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I am aware that using the Facilities and Equipment and/or participating in any field trips and/or field studies of the Department of Botany involves many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: [insert description of risks]; negligence of other participants; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OR ITS EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OR ITS EMPLOYEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS REFERRED TO ABOVE.** I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist within a variety of facilities whether on campus or off campus, including but not limited to: roadways, parking areas, vehicles including cars, trucks, boats and aircraft, bodies of water, rocks, forests, fields, uneven surfaces, tents, cabins, eating areas, cooking equipment, campus buildings and other facilities.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH MY USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY [INSERT NAME OF PROGRAM OR EVENT] AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE AND LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM. I am also aware that the University of British Columbia does not carry accident or medical or dental insurance on my behalf.

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In consideration of the University of British Columbia allowing me to use the [insert name of facility] and/or participating in any [insert name of program or event] and permitting my use of its equipment, structures and other facilities, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

- 1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against **THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**, its Board of Governors, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives, (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "THE RELEASEES") and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer, resulting from my use of [insert name of facility] and/or participating in any [insert name of program or event] **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND ALSO INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS REFERRED TO ABOVE;**

- 2.** This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
- 3.** Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the [insert name of facility] and/or the [insert name of program or event] other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Participant

Please print name clearly

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED PRIOR TO USING THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY FIELD TRIP OR FIELD STUDY.