

**BLACK DIAMOND SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL
RELEASE FORM**

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SSN: _____

I understand that Wilderness Search and Rescue is potentially hazardous and may cause injury or death. I will observe and implement any, and all, safety rules given to me.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in any training program, or SAR incident, I hereby release the individual volunteer instructors, the Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council (aka BDSARCo), and the NSS. I understand that the National Forest Service, National Park Service, and the National Speleological Society have no connection whatever with the content or conduct of any training program, and that none of those organizations have undertaken any duty toward me or any other participant in the program. Nevertheless, each of those organizations is included in this release.

It has been specifically explained to me that Search and Rescue work involves the risk of death or serious injury and that specific risks are too numerous to list: by way of illustration, I have been warned of the risks of injury or death from equipment failure, from exposure to the natural element - including gravity and from falling from heights. Understanding these and other risks involved, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily assume all risk of injury or death.

In addition to my specific assumption of the risk set out above, I do, in consideration of being allowed to participate in BDSARCo, covenant and contract with the individual volunteer instructors and the BDSARCo to release them and the other parties herein above and herein after named from any liability whatsoever for negligent acts or omissions which may contribute to my death or injury, and I do further covenant, contract, and agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless from all damages whatever each and every individual volunteer instructor, Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council, and the National Forest Service, National Park Service, and the National Speleological Society.

This legal release and contract shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of this state.

This is a continuing release and remains in full force and effect until revoked in writing, and not then until a copy of such written revocation is actually delivered to:

Black Diamond SAR Council
Attn: Coordinator
PO Box 22
Marion, VA 24354

or to the keeper of the official records at a regularly convened Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council Training Session.

I hereby certify that I have read the entire contents of this legal document, that I understand them, and that I am aware of the important legal rights that I have waived and surrendered.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

IF APPLICANT IS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE:

We hereby certify that we have read and understand the legal document set out above in consideration of allowing my son)(daughter) to participate in any training program or SAR Incident. We do accept and agree to all of the above (both parents/guardians must sign).

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

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NOTARY PUBLIC: _____ MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____