

TATC GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION BY MINORS

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The TATC Board of Directors has established the guidelines herein contained.

Anyone volunteering less than 18-years of age participating in a Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club activity must be accompanied by a Parent, Guardian or Adult Sponsor during all facets of the activity, including transportation to and from the activity. Exceptions for emancipated minors may be made on a case by case basis.

Note: An Adult Sponsor is an adult, other than the minor's Parent or Guardian, who brings a minor on a TATC activity.

The Parent, Guardian or Adult Sponsor must ensure that the minor is physically and mentally capable of taking part in the desired activity. The minor should not pose an inconvenience to others in the group; par ex, being unable to keep up, or being ill equipped.

The Parent, Guardian or Adult Sponsor should carry appropriate medical and dental insurance identification in case treatment away from home is necessary.

The Parent, Guardian or Adult Sponsor should be knowledgeable concerning any allergies to which the minor may be susceptible. This includes natural allergies (insect bites, poison ivy, and etc.) and medical allergies (penicillin, and etc.).

The Parent, Guardian or Adult Sponsor should be knowledgeable concerning medications the minor requires during the period of the activity, and should ensure these medications are carried on the activity. Knowledge should include dosages, times, and reactions if medications are not taken correctly

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or on time.

The Parent, Guardian or Adult Sponsor must realize that some activities include being a considerable distance from the nearest medical facility and that reaching a medical facility may take significant effort. On some activities you may be a day or more from the nearest road, and then may be some distance from any medical facility.

As with any TATC activity, the Activity Leader is the final authority concerning whether or not any specific person (adult or minor) may participate.

The Activity Leader must judge the age, size, health, and capability of the minor against activity requirements.

The Activity Leader must provide a copy of these guidelines to any Parent or Guardian desiring that their minor/s participate any TATC activity other than a regular monthly meeting.

The Parent, or Guardian must:

- Fill in and sign the attached TATC ACTIVITY SIGN UP SHEET FOR MINORS. This form is required for a minor to participate in any TATC activity other than a regular monthly meeting.
- Inform the Activity Leader or Adult Sponsor of allergies or other facts of which the leader should be aware.
- Turn in the completed TATC ACTIVITY SIGN UP SHEET FOR MINORS to the Adult Sponsor or the TATC Activity Leader. If giving it to the sponsor, instruct the sponsor to turn in to the TATC Activity Leader.

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TATC ACTIVITY SIGN UP FOR MINORS

Destination						
Activity Difficulty		Easy		Moderate		Strenuous
Activity Description						
Date/s						
Meeting Place, Time						
Bring						
Activity Leader Name				Phone		

TATC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

I affirm that I am the Parent/Guardian of the below named volunteer/s. By signing below, I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in the specified volunteer activities. My child/ward will not participate unless medically able, properly trained, properly equipped, and willing and able to abide by any decisions of an Activity Leader relative to their ability to safely complete the activity. I understand that outdoor activities conducted by Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, a Virginia nonprofit corporation, are potentially hazardous. Risks can include, but are not limited to: falls, fatigue, effects of the weather (including heat and humidity), traffic and road conditions, trail and weather conditions, and contact with other participants. By signing this form, you waive and release the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, its officers and directors, volunteers, Activity Leaders, and co-participants in any activity, including their representatives and successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising from the participation of my child or ward in any activity.

PHOTOS

A mark in the ‘Youth Photos’ below box indicates that you grant permission to Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club to use any photographs, videos, motion pictures, and any other recordings for any legitimate purpose. The Parent, Guardian, or Adult Sponsor is urged to carry, or have on hand, a photograph of each minor to aid in the unfortunate occurrence of a search and rescue event.

MISC

This form is required by TATC and for Workman’s Compensation coverage on USFS and NPS lands.

In my absence _____ will be the Adult Sponsor, will accompany the above youth/s on the activity, and will sign up on the TATC ACTIVITY SIGN UP sheet.

Parent or Guardian Name (printed)			
Legal Signature			
Phone Number			
E-mail			
Street			
Town, State & Zip			
Youth Name (printed)		photo (check)	
Youth Name (printed)		photo (check)	
Youth Name (printed)		photo (check)	