Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club Membership Application and Liability Release Form

Annual Dues $10.00 per household due January 1st of each year

Name(s)_____ **Today's Date**_____

Mailing Address_____ _____ _____ _____
(House #, Street, etc.) City State Zip

Phone Number_____ **Email Address**_____

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out above information legibly. Sign the application on page 2.
Mail BOTH PAGES with $10 to:
Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club c/o Lane Harris, 760 W Hickory St., Roseburg OR 97471
(Make checks payable to: Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club)

Hike Guidelines:

"Friends of the Umpqua" is a hiking club for people who enjoy being in the outdoors and sharing the benefits of group outdoor activities. FOU hike coordinators are volunteers who help organize and advise participants prior to and during the hikes. Beyond this, all hikers are responsible for their own actions.

1. **Friends of the Umpqua hiking club is not responsible for anyone's health or safety. Be aware that some hikes are more difficult than others and each person must use common sense about trail & hiking conditions.**

2. **Participants must come prepared for the activity according to the weather & trail conditions of the day, and their own abilities. Some recommendations according to conditions are: Appropriate clothing, daypack, hat, raingear, supportive footwear, water -- minimum 1 qt. (more for hot weather), lunch/snacks, sunscreen, and/or bug repellant as necessary, whistle, and other items as needed.**

3. **Hikers not familiar with the hike route should stay with others who know the trail. The group regulars should help new people keep on the designated trail. At trail junctions coordinators or members should make sure the people behind know which trail to take. If a person is confused about where he or she is, return to the last known correct trail section. If a person is truly lost, the best procedure is to stay put and use a whistle and/or radio, stay calm and keep warm.**

4. **If hikers intend to deviate from the designated trail route at any time, they must inform others so that someone knows where they are. Additionally, always let someone know if you decide to turn around early.**

5. **If you injure yourself or are not feeling well during the hike, let others know so appropriate action can be taken.**

6. **Bringing pets is not discouraged but if present, must be on a leash and restrained from bothering other hikers or wildlife. Pet owners are responsible for the conduct of their pets at all times.**

7. **Carpool participants should share gas expenses. This is discussed between car occupants. "Transportation to and from each hike is voluntarily arranged between participants and the club assumes no responsibility." The club and/or drivers are not responsible for any injuries incurred during carpooling.**

8. **Please be courteous of others and the environment – Remember, we are guests in the outdoors.**

9. **If you pack it in, pack it out. Also, it is always helpful to clean up trail trash and do some trail grooming if you can – strictly voluntary.**

10. **Enjoy the hike!**

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Acknowledgment of Event Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and photo/video release

I understand that during my participation in this hiking club's Events, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Event and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Event. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death ("Injuries and Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club Events and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that during these Events there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on club events, I confirm my understanding that:

- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club, its officers, and leaders from **any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by **negligence** of the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club, its officers, and leaders, in any way connected with this Event. I further agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club, its officers, and leaders from any claims, damages, injuries, or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant on the Event. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me on the Event.

- **The Event officially begins and ends at the trailhead location(s) designated by the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club**. The Event does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the Event, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. Individuals interested in carpooling may voluntarily do so.

- **I agree to inform the hike leader of any decision to leave early or to go forward without the hike leader.** If I decide to leave early and not to complete the Event as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Event, and I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward and waive all liability against the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club arising from that decision.

- **Photos/videos –** While participating in this activity, your photo and/or video image may be taken and be posted on the group website or Facebook page by the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club or other participants. We cannot control other people taking photos or videos and uploading them to our Facebook page, but we can remove photos/videos. It is your responsibility to inform others if you do not wish to be photographed and/or videoed and to inform us if any of your photos/videos are to be removed from the club's website or Facebook page.

- **This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law.** If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.

I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Friends of the Umpqua Hiking Club Activities.

Signed by: _____ Date:_____

Printed Name: _____

Additional household member

Signed by: _____ Date:_____

Printed Name: _____

Additional household member

Signed by: _____ Date:_____

Printed Name: _____

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