

Your Introduction-to-Caving Release Form

PLEASE READ AND CHECK EACH ITEM TRUE OR FALSE

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware this form cannot be used for the Deep-Depths Caving Program.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware this is a very physically challenging two-and-one half-hour program involving an orientation, a walk-through in the two larger passages in the lit parts of Laurel Caverns, and a trip down a twenty-five-story descent, through a steep rocky passage, into the two largest rooms in the unlit portions of Laurel Caverns, where two extensive side-passages, one involving some crawling, are explored.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware of, and will comply with, the rule participants must wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and secure shoes with, at least good tread and ankle support, though hiking boots that have a quarter-inch tread and lace above the ankles are highly recommended.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware Laurel Caverns provides a hard hat with light, and also aware that I am encouraged to bring a hand-held light, as well as a change of clothing.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware of, and will comply with, the rule all participants in this program, without exception, **must have reached their 12th birthday**, and that all **participants not having reached their 18th birthday must have a parent, legal guardian, or other lawfully-assigned adult cosign this form**, and If another parent or guardian objects to the participant's involvement in this activity, or is unaware of the contents of this form, the cosigning parent or guardian must **not** give approval for the participant's participation.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware of, and will comply with, the rule that participants under age 18, must be accompanied by an adult with lawful responsibility for their discipline and safety.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware this program begins at 9:30 am or 1:30 pm, and there are no refunds for arriving late or cancelling; however, for those who do, a future date can be arranged.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware It is humanly impossible for my guide to know the physical abilities of each participant, or see every move every participant makes, that even introductory caving can be extremely dangerous, and therefore, will comply with all safe-caving rules, provided as this program is presented.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware that knapsacks are subject to search for spray cans, weapons, and the like.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ I am aware that Laurel Caverns employees cannot know my command of the English language and that, if I lack an ability to understand the above, I need to find help in translation.

TRUE ___ FALSE___ **I (we) affirm: that I (we) have carefully read and understand all of the above statement, that I (we) understand this caving activity involves risks of injury and I (we) voluntarily accept and assume all such risks; and that I (we) will not hold Laurel Caverns, its owners, or its agents, responsible for any injuries, accidents or problems arising from participation in this program.**

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name: _____

Co-Signature (for those under18): _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name: _____