
Winterfest



Advisor's Guide

February 7 – 9, 2020
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

This year we are celebrating the 46th anniversary of Winterfest! We are planning another great weekend for the youth to enjoy and hope you will join us.

Included in this packet is much of the information you will need for your unit to have a great experience at the largest Venturing/Exploring event in the United States. Please take a few minutes to review the guide as many questions will be answered here. In addition, there will be supplemental information that will be published as it becomes available.

In addition to this handbook, you will want to reference two other guides:

1. *2020 Hotel Guide*
2. *2020 Event Guide*

Once the guides are ready, the most current version will be available at www.bsawinterfest.org. If you are unable to download a copy, feel free to call Heather Sisk at 706-693-2446 Ext. 106 and we'll mail one directly to you.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Gatlinburg!

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Key Winterfest Information (Who, What, When, Where)

Date: February 7 - 9, 2020

Location: Gatlinburg, Tennessee

- Most events take place at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. However, a few events will be held at nearby locations in Gatlinburg.
- There are a variety of hotels located near the Convention Center with which we have negotiated special rates; be sure to check the *2020 Hotel Guide* to get the best rates.

Who Can Attend?

- Winterfest is open to all currently registered Venturers, Explorers, Sea Scouts, and Scouts of Venturing age (14 or completed the eighth grade). Youth not meeting the aforementioned age requirement will be registered as a visitor and will NOT be allowed to participate.
- **All participants, adults, and spectators are required to have a wristband for entry to all events and activities or to ride the shuttle.** Wristbands will be provided at check-in for all who registered online. They will also be available for purchase throughout the weekend. Please make sure all parents, relatives and visitors attending understand they will need a wristband.

What is Winterfest?

- Winterfest is an exciting, fun-filled, and competitive event that has taken place for 45 years. Winterfest is the largest national event for Explorers and Venturers.
- There is a lot to do at Winterfest such that no youth could possibly participate in everything. Your youth will find:
 - Competitive team events like volleyball, Ultimate, and 4x4 basketball;
 - Competitions related to various career fields such as fire service, law enforcement, and emergency medical services;
 - Climbing, shooting sports, talent competitions; and
 - Region-wide Roundtable meetings for Venturing and Exploring.

Participants can also enjoy snow skiing, shopping, and sightseeing in the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains of eastern Tennessee.

Where can I get more information?

- All information is posted at www.bsawinterfest.org as it becomes available.
- Candy Lee, Staff Advisor: Candy.Lee@scouting.org or 706-693-2446 Ext. 109
- Heather Sisk, Registration: Heather.Sisk@scouting.org or 706-693-2446 Ext. 106

Registration Dates, Cost, and Important Information

	Before 1/10/20	After 1/10/20	At Winterfest
Crews/Posts/Ships/Troops (all persons 14-20)	\$50	\$60	\$65
Adults & Visitors (Age 14 and above)	\$10	\$15	\$20
Visitors (Age 8 - 13)	\$10	\$10	\$10
Visitors (Age 7 - Under)	FREE	FREE	FREE

- Registration will be online and is expected to open in early October. We will make an announcement through Facebook and Remind when registration opens. You can also check www.bsawinterfest.org for the latest updates.
- All adults and youth must register. To avoid higher registration fees, payment must be received by Friday, January 10, 2020. **The payment deadlines are strictly enforced.** Make sure to allow yourself and your participants enough time.
- Check the *2020 Event Guide* for important details regarding event registration.
- Outdoor Range Events
 - A **\$9 activity fee** will be assessed for the outdoor range shooting sports. This excludes archery and air rifle participants.
 - The outdoor range shooting sports require a **safety briefing** that you must attend before going to the Sportsman's Club. There will be three (3) sessions offered on Friday night and one (1) session on Saturday morning. We ask that the Saturday morning session be reserved only if you will not arrive in Gatlinburg in time to attend a Friday night session. Further, if you plan to shoot prior to 10 am Saturday morning you must attend a Friday night briefing. All participants who plan to shoot at the outdoor range must attend one of these sessions. Registration for the safety briefings will be available through online registration. Safety briefings are only offered at the convention center.
- If you have difficulty with the online registration, please contact Heather Sisk at 706-693-2446 Ext. 106.
- The Winterfest fee is non-refundable.
- It is important to note that adults and visitors will not be allowed to participate in events. Their fee only allows entry to watch events. You must obtain and display your wristband for entry into the events area.
- According to BSA, anyone participating in Winterfest **OVER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE LATEST YOUTH PROTECTION COURSE UPDATED IN FEBRUARY 2018.** If you need to update or complete the course, please visit <http://my.scouting.org>.

Health Forms

Per BSA policies, a health form is required for each participant. Unit leadership should collect and maintain the health forms during the event. Only Parts A and B are required for this event. If your unit's planned activities for Winterfest exceed 72 hours, then Part C is required. Health forms can be found here:

- For Explorers: <https://bit.ly/3OKLT6r>
- For Crews, Troops and Ships: <https://bit.ly/2HeuOHZ>

Included in each health form is a release the parent will sign providing permission to treat their child in the event of illness or injury. This may include, but is not limited to, examination and routine treatment by medical personnel at the event, transport to a hospital, X-ray examination, anesthesia, medical or surgical diagnostic procedures, or treatment that is considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital furnishing medical services. In the event of serious illness or injury, all reasonable efforts to reach the parent will be attempted.

Lodging in Gatlinburg

It is each unit's responsibility to make their own hotel reservations. With more than 3,500 participants expected, hotels will fill up fast. Be sure to download the *2020 Hotel Guide* to assist you in making your plans.

Check-in - "When you get to Gatlinburg"

Once you arrive in Gatlinburg you will need to check-in to receive your materials.

Where: Gatlinburg Convention Center. Use the entrance on Airport Road/Historic Nature Trail which leads you into the area near the Tennessee Ballroom.

When: Check-In will be on the following days/times:

Friday	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

List of items to bring to Check-in:

- Your copy of Registration Materials

You will receive a packet of information containing:

- Wristbands for all pre-registered youth and adults
- Pocket schedules
- Maps of Gatlinburg
- Parking Passes (if pre-ordered)
- Ober Gatlinburg, Ripley's, WonderWorks and/or Zip Gatlinburg tickets (if pre-ordered)
- Other miscellaneous helpful information

There is limited space in the registration area, please ONLY send the Advisor and Youth President to check your unit in. Remember, there is very limited parking at the Convention Center.

Additional wristbands will be available for sale but they will be sold at the walk-up price listed in the above cost table. Wristbands are required for all youth, adults, and visitors to obtain entry into all events and areas as well as providing access to the shuttle service.

Traveling to Gatlinburg

Gatlinburg is a great town to visit. Your youth will have a blast! Most units will travel by personal vehicle to Winterfest, but be sure to check into alternative means of transportation. You may be able to save money by working with other units in your area to charter a bus.

Parking and Shuttle Services

Parking

Parking is always a challenge in Gatlinburg. We have reserved a parking lot located near the Convention Center. Parking passes to this lot are available for **\$15 pre-order** and you will receive a pass for Friday and Saturday. A limited number of passes are available so be sure to order yours soon. Parking passes will only be sold on-site if there is availability. Vehicles with more than a 15-person capacity will not be allowed in the parking lot (no school buses, charter buses, etc.).

Shuttle Service

- Buses will provide transportation for Winterfest youth and adults throughout the day on Saturday (7:30AM - 5:30PM). The shuttles will stop at all Winterfest site locations.
- There will be one early morning bus which will begin loading at 7:00 am. This bus will be reserved for participants that are registered for an 8:00 or 8:30 outdoor range event which takes place at the Sportsman's Club.

- Each location will have a “bus stop” and riders will be required to show their wristbands to gain entry.

Snacks, Lunch, and Concession Stands

All meals at Winterfest are “on your own.” NO OUTSIDE FOOD IS ALLOWED IN THE CONVENTION CENTER. Proof of the Pudding is once again running the food for the convention center and they are offering some great options! Snacks and light concessions will be available on Friday. Proof of the Pudding will offer hot and cold options at concessions throughout the day on Saturday. Items available include deli sandwiches, salad, personal pan pizzas, burgers, chicken tenders and hot dogs.

Don’t forget to bring a refillable water bottle as we will have refill stations available.

Ober Gatlinburg, Ripleys, WonderWorks and ZipGatlinburg!

Discount tickets will be available for Ober Gatlinburg, Ripleys, WonderWorks and ZipGatlinburg. All the details on these event partners will be in the *2020 Event Guide* and you will buy these tickets online when you register. These discounted tickets are available to anyone attending with your unit including visitors. Tickets can be used throughout the weekend, but each partner is offering special hours on Friday night to accommodate Winterfest.

Ober Gatlinburg is offering Winterfest participants special ski packages. Tickets can be purchased through our registration system, but please direct specific ski questions to Ober Gatlinburg at 800-251-9202. If you plan to ski on Friday, be sure to send someone to check-in and attend the Winterfest Advisors’ Meetings.

Important Safety Information! BSA requires the use of helmets for downhill skiing and snowboarding. Helmets are encouraged for tubing and sledding. Because Ober Gatlinburg does not require helmet use, they have a limited supply available for check-out. You are encouraged to bring helmets with you if you will be skiing or snowboarding.

If you plan to visit WonderWorks or Ripleys on Thursday, you will indicate that in the registration system and we will place your unit’s tickets at will-call for that specific event. Otherwise, you will pick up your tickets when you check-in at the convention center. If your unit plans to take advantage of the late-night Friday hours, be sure to send someone to the Winterfest Advisors’ Meetings. **You will need a waiver to participate in ZipGatlinburg or Ober Gatlinburg. The waiver can be found in the appendix of the *2020 Event Guide* or at the end of this guide.**

Develop a Budget

Key items to consider as you budget include:

1. Winterfest fees:
 - Fees can be remitted online, mailed in or faxed to Northeast Georgia Council and can be paid by VISA, MasterCard, or Discover or via check.
 - Be mindful of the payment deadlines, as the higher fees are strictly enforced.
 - An additional **\$9 activity fee** will be assessed for the outdoor range shooting sports participants (excluding archery and air rifle) to help off-set the cost of ammunition and supplies.

2. Lodging costs:
 - There are several hotels located near the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Reserve your rooms soon as the hotels tend to fill quickly. Our Winterfest block pricing will expire approximately a month before Winterfest.
 - In most hotels you can place 4 youth in each hotel room. Some rooms have pullout beds or additional bedding and allow additional participants to share a room (see the *2020 Hotel Guide* for hotels and restrictions). Youth sharing a room can help you save money on lodging.
 - Be mindful of youth protection guidelines as you plan your rooms.
 - When you budget for lodging, anticipate having a room or two that are not full (only 1-3 residents) as you may not have the precise number of youth boys/youth girls to fill each room.
 - Information on specific hotel amenities and room rates are available in *2020 Hotel Guide*.
3. Travel costs (private car, rented van, air, bus, etc.).
4. Food costs (most units leave this up to the individual).
5. Parking pass - \$15 per vehicle if you purchase a prepaid pass as outline in the section on parking.
6. You might be able to save money on lodging with a Tennessee Tax Exempt Certificate if your chartered partner (for Crews, Ships or Troops) or sponsoring organization (for Explorer Posts) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Vendor Space Available

If your company or organization is interested in having a vendor booth at Winterfest, please send an email to vendor@bsawinterfest.org or contact Candy Lee at 706-693-2446 Ext. 109.

Sunday Services

There are a variety of worship options available for you and your youth. Be sure to use the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce to find the church/synagogue of your choice:
<https://bit.ly/2M6MV9t>

Miscellaneous Information and FAQ

- Two-deep adult leadership is required. Co-ed leadership is required if you have a co-ed group. Adult leadership is responsible for the conduct of their youth during the event, including compliance with the designated curfews.
- The Winterfest Pocket Guide contains all the information you need to enjoy Winterfest. A detailed schedule of events, map of Gatlinburg, and other pertinent information are included and will be handed out during check-in. We will also post the pocket guide at www.bsawinterfest.org a few days before the event begins.
- Winterfest has an active Facebook page. Make sure you and everyone in your unit “likes” bsawinterfest. We use Facebook as our primary communication to update attendees prior to and during the event.
- Each act for the talent show should be conducted with the Scout Oath and Scout Law in mind. The tryouts are open to the public so friends and family members can come and watch.
- Transportation, meals, hotels, and the extra activities are your responsibility.

- Winterfest is staffed with trained medical personnel to assist your unit as needed. If medical assistance is needed, please ask for assistance from any Staff member with a walkie-talkie and help will be summoned. Our medical personnel are first responders and coordinate with Gatlinburg EMS as needed. If you need immediate assistance, dial 911.
- Please be sure all of your youth review and sign the “Winterfest Code of Conduct” form on page 9 of this guide. Behavior and discipline are the responsibilities of the Unit Leaders. Serious discipline breaches are subject to review by the Winterfest Executive Staff, who reserve the right to take appropriate action, including but not limited to asking the involved persons to leave all Winterfest events.
- Damages to hotel rooms or any Winterfest event facilities are the responsibility of the youth and their unit.
- Contingent leaders for each unit are responsible for checking their units into their selected hotels.
- Please make sure that the Winterfest staff is notified of the hotel location of where your unit is staying.
- In the event of an emergency, it is necessary to be able to track down your unit. An emergency contact card should be filled out by each adult in a contingent with hotel and cell number contact information.
- If you need to get a Tennessee Tax-Exempt Status Certificate to avoid the State Sales Tax go to bsawinterfest.org or see the *2020 Hotel Guide* for the form and instructions.

Winterfest Code of Conduct

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of its individual members. This Code of Conduct is designed to ensure the success of Winterfest and provide maximum enjoyment and safety of all participants.

1. The group leader (adult advisor) shall, with the full cooperation of the Explorers, Venturers, Sea Scouts or Scouts, be responsible for maintaining discipline, security, and the standards outlined in this Code of Conduct.
2. All participants are expected to set a good example by being properly dressed and presentable at all times.
3. In consideration of others, all youth are expected to be in their own rooms and quiet by 1 AM. They are not to leave their rooms again before 6 AM.
4. Each Unit or Participant is personally responsible for breakage, damage, or loss of property. Explorer Posts, Venture Crews, Ships or Troops will be charged for damage not covered by individual members. Loss of personal articles is not the responsibility of the hotel, Winterfest staff, or the Boy Scouts of America, or their agents or representatives.
5. No participant will allow unregistered persons to occupy their room, or visit in same (including local area residents.)
6. All participants will respect the rule prohibiting use of private automobiles during the conference, unless you have permission from an advisor or area adult leadership.
7. Each Explorer, Venturer, Sea Scout or Scout understands that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at Winterfest will not be allowed. This standard shall apply to all participants--youth and adults.
8. Fireworks of any type are strictly prohibited.
9. The Gatlinburg Winterfest youth chairs, in conjunction with the Winterfest Volunteer Chair shall serve as a review panel with regards to any serious violation of the Code of Conduct. Winterfest staff reserves the right to send any youth home for violation of this Code of Conduct. Any decision of the review panel is final.
10. Everyone is expected to act appropriately at all times, including appropriate dance behavior during both dances.

Serious discipline breaches are subject to review by the Winterfest Executive Staff, who reserve the right to take appropriate action, including but not limited to asking the involved persons to leave Winterfest.

I have read the above rules and agree to observe them fully.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

***Each Post, Crew, Ship, or Troop needs to keep these sheets with them. Do not submit to the Council Office.**

Winterfest DRAFT Agenda

(The final agenda will be posted on www.bsawinterfest.org prior to Winterfest. Your Winterfest Pocket Guide will also contain locations for all events.)

Thursday

On your own, tour the city, visit our Event Partners

Friday

9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Check-in (1 youth/1 adult per unit)

10:00 AM - Midnight

WonderWorks / Ripley's / Zip Gatlinburg / Ober Gatlinburg
(see Event guide for operating hours for each partner)

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Outdoor Range Safety Briefings (multiple sessions offered)

9:00 PM

Opening Program

Immediately after
Opening

Talent Show Qualifying Round

Honor Guard Competition

Dance (until midnight)

9:30 PM

Advisor's Briefing and New Unit Orientation

10:00 PM

Law Enforcement Events Briefing (1 adult/1 youth only per Post)

Fire Service Events Briefing (1 adult/1 youth only per Post)

1:00 AM

Everyone in their own room - curfew

Saturday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Late Check-in

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Winterfest Events

8:00 PM

Program Roundtables

9:00 PM
Ceremony

Awards Presentations, Talent Show final round, and Closing

Immediately after show –
Midnight

Dance

1:00 AM

Everyone in their own room – curfew

Sunday

Tour the city, visit the event partners, and safe travels home

2020 Physical Activities Readiness Questionnaire

If you are an Explorer planning to compete in a Tactical Fitness Event, please complete this form and present it to the Event Leader or their designee. It is recommended that you share your answers from this form with your physician or health practitioner and obtain their approval before participating in the physical aspect of this event. Common sense is your best guide when you answer these questions. Please read the questions carefully and answer each one honestly. Final decision regarding participation will be determined by the Event Leader and EMS.

YES NO

- 1. Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition and that you should only do physical activity recommended by a doctor?
- 2. Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity?
- 3. In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical activity?
- 4. Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness?
- 5. Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity?
- 6. Is your doctor currently prescribing drugs (for example, water pills) for your blood pressure or heart condition?
- 7. Do you know of any other reason why you should not do physical activity?
- 8. Do your parents have any concerns about your taking this test?

If you answered NO

If you answered **NO** honestly to all questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can take part in this physical fitness awards testing.

If you answered YES

If you answered **YES** to any questions, or if you have any question about your ability to take part in this testing, please talk to your doctor. Tell your doctor about the questionnaire and which questions you answered YES.

Delay testing

If you are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or a fever - wait until you feel better.

I have answered this Questionnaire truthfully, to the best of my knowledge.

Name and Post Number of Explorer _____

_____ Signature of Explorer	_____ Date	_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian (If under 18 years of age)	_____ Date
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For Winterfest Use Only:

Y N Have you had any energy drinks or more than 3 cups of coffee in the past 12 hours?

Y N Have you consumed 16 oz. or more of water in the past 4 hours?

Pulse _____ Before
/ B/P _____

Pulse _____ After
/ B/P _____

Risk Management and Acceptance and Waiver of Liability - Red Man Use of Force Competition

The Frankfort Police Department recognizes the potential risks to participants involved with the **Redman Use of Force Competition**, to include personal injury and/or involvement with physical situations. All Frankfort Police Department personnel, or approved volunteers, involved with the **Redman Use of Force Competition** will make every effort to minimize risk to Explorers through training, supervision, adherence to policy and standard operating procedures, and proactive risk management. As a condition of acceptance into Redman Use of Force competition, the parents or legal guardian of every Explorer, or the Explorer if of legal age to do so, must sign a **hold harmless and release form** acknowledging they have been advised of the risk potential and waive any right to initiate a legal cause of action against the City of Frankfort, the Frankfort Police Department, and Learning for Life/Law Enforcement Exploring, or any of their representatives or volunteers. Other stipulations are as follows.

1. The involvement in the is entirely voluntary and of the participants own free will.
2. The participant understands there is a risk of danger, bodily harm, injury, physical and emotional stress or death as a result of participation. The risks arising from physical exertion, striking, and or being struck.
3. There is a potential for risks and dangers that may not be obvious at this time or reasonably foreseeable at this time.
4. The participant does not have any medical ailments, physical limitations, or mental disabilities that will affect participation or recovery after the event.
5. The participant and/or family is 100% liable for medical expenses incurred as a result any injury or property damage the event.
6. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, and enforceable or in conflict with the law according to the jurisdiction, the remaining portions will not be invalidated, and shall remain in full force and effect.
7. This is a legally binding contract, but it is not meant to pronounce any claims or defenses that are legally prohibited.

Signing this is agreement of the above Release and Waiver of Liability and so documented that it has been read.

**Explorers under the age of 18 must have a legal guardian sign this document prior to competing in Redman Use of Force. Explorers over the age of 18 may sign this release. The releasing party(ies) signature must be witnessed by another party.*

Participating Explorer (Print) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/____

Participating Explorer (Signature) _____

Legal Guardian (Print) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/____

Legal Guardian (Signature) _____

Witness (Print) _____ Date of Birth ___/___/____

Witness (Signature) _____

 Zip Gatlinburg Waiver

Zip Pigeon Forge LLC, The Dome Ziplines
& ZIP GATLINBURG

115 Conner Heights Rd. Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. 125 Historic Nature Trail. Gatlinburg, TN 37738.
222 Savage Garden Rd. Gatlinburg TN 37738.

Weight (Do Not Fill In)

PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT.
*****READ BEFORE SIGNING*****

Participant's Name _____ Phone # _____

Are you pregnant? (Y/N) ____ Any previous injuries? (Y/N) Explain: _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the zipline, including transportation (hereafter called the Program), I the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the Program is significant during all phases of the activity, including the potential for permanent paralysis, disability, and death. **These risks include but are not limited to:** Equipment failure and/or malfunction of my own or other's equipment; my own negligence and/or the negligence of others; Attack or encounter with insects, reptiles and/or animals; Fatigue or dizziness which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident; Outdoor activities include but are not limited to risks of exposure to elements, excessive heat, hypothermia, uneven surfaces and trees causing injury and/or death. **I agree to wear and use as instructed any necessary safety equipment provided to me AND use as instructed. I recognize that failure to do so will increase the potential for severe injury or death and absolves the RELEASERS from any liability whatsoever.**

2. **I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation in the Program.

3. I willingly agree to comply with terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.

4. I recognize that it may be necessary for the (Releasees) to refuse or terminate my participation if I am judged to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of the Program. I accept the (Releasees) rights to take such actions for the safety of myself and/or other participants. I will not engage in any activity beyond my capabilities and will not cause any third party to be endangered by any of my actions during the Program.

5. I warrant and represent that I am in good health and have no physical or mental limitations or problems that would affect my safe participation or the safety of others in the Program and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person.

6. By participating in or attending any activity in connection with this Program, whether on or off the premises, I consent to the use of any photographs, pictures, film, or videotape taken of me or provided by me for publicity, premonition, television, websites or any other use, and expressly waive any right of privacy, compensation, copyright, or other ownership right connected to same.

7. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS ZIP PIGEON FORGE LLC, THE DOME ZIPLINES, Muszik Family Trust, AND ZIP GATLINBURG**, their officers, officials, agents, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the Program (**RELEASEES**), from any and all claims, demands, losses, and liability arising out of, or related to any **INJURY, DISABILITY, OR DEATH** I may suffer, or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by the law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND IT'S TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____
Participant's Signature _____ Age _____ Date _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION). This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in the Program as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by the law.

X _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____ Emergency Phone Number(s) _____

Ober Gatlinburg Waiver

MINOR LIABILITY RELEASE & PERMISSION FORM

MINOR NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

I, _____, give my son/daughter permission to participate in snow sports at Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. without myself being present and to use my VIP Pass (if applicable). I understand that although I am not personally present, I am responsible for my child and any actions taken by him/her, and that Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. and Gatlinburg Aerial Tramway, Inc. are not providing a child care service. I give the representatives of Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. permission to refrain my child from participating in snow sports in the event of any disciplinary actions.

I further understand that snow sports is a recreational activity that continually challenges the human spirit. Natural and man-made obstacles are part of the challenge of man against the mountain and the elements, but collisions with other snow sports participants or objects can cause permanent, catastrophic injury or death. I assume and understand that snow sports are a hazardous sport, the bare spots, variations in snow, ice and terrain along with bumps, moguls, stumps, forest growth and debris and rocks and many other hazards or obstacles exist within the ski area. In using the lift ticket and participating in snow sports at this area, such dangers are recognized and accepted whether they are marked or unmarked. I am aware that trail conditions vary constantly because of weather changes and snow sport participant use and that snowmaking and snowgrooming may be in progress at any time. I realize that falls and collisions do occur and injuries may result. I am knowledgeable that Tennessee has an assumed risk law and assume the burden for my child's snow sports participation under control at all times.

By allowing my child to rent equipment at Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. I agree to the following:

1. I accept for use as is the equipment issued and also accept responsibility for the care of the equipment while it is in my child's possession.
2. I agree that my child will return all rental equipment by the agreed date in clean condition to avoid any additional charges.
3. I agree to reimburse Ober Gatlinburg, Inc for any loss or damage of any kind other than reasonable wear, which results from the use of the equipment.
4. I understand that there are inherent and other risks involved in snow sports, for which the equipment is to be used, and injuries are common and an ordinary occurrence of the sport, and I freely assume those risks.
5. I understand that the ski-boot-binding-system will not release at all times or under all circumstances, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release and it therefore is no guarantee for the safety of the user. I freely assume all risk of injury or harm associated therewith.
6. I hereby release and indemnify Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. from any and all liability and injury to my child or any person or property resulting from the selection, adjustment and use of the equipment, accepting myself the full responsibility for any and all such damage or injury which may result.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and accept the preceding statements in their entirety. I agree that my minor child will cooperate with Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. regulations. I will accept full responsibility for any resulting injuries and therefore absolve Ober Gatlinburg, Inc., Gatlinburg Aerial Tramway, Inc., their representatives, employees, agents, officers and directors from any and all liability and claims while my child is unsupervised on Ober Gatlinburg, Inc. or Gatlinburg Aerial Tramway, Inc. premises.

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Does your child have any medical problems, allergies, or is he/she on any medication? If yes, please explain:

Please bring form with you or return to: **Fax: 436-8245**
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