

Wilkes Barre Rocks

Acknowledgment of Risks,
Assumption of Risk & Responsibility,
and Release of Liability

WARNING: There are Significant Elements of risk in any adventure, sport, activity, or training associated with a “rock gym” or “climbing wall” or “rock climbing” (referred to herein as “activity) and the use of any equipment. The gym does not provide staff to belay unless special arrangements have been made ahead of time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS: I recognize that there is an inherent risk of danger in this type of activity. These risks may result in serious injury or death and include but are not limited to 1)Falls; 2) Risk associated with crossing, climbing or down climbing; 3) Equipment failure; and 4) My physical coordination, sense of balance, decision making, and ability to follow or give directions either as a “climber” or “belayer.” I also acknowledge that certain foreseeable and unforeseeable events can contribute to the unpredictability of the activity; that personal property may be damaged or lost and that wearing appropriate clothing and footwear are basic safety precautions.

EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY: In recognition of the inherent risks of which I and any minor children for which I am responsible, will engage in, I confirm that I am (we are) physically and mentally capable of participating in the activity and/or using equipment. I/we participate willingly and voluntarily and I assume full responsibility for personal injury, accidents, or illness (including death), and any expenses as a result of my negligence or the negligence of any minor children for which I am responsible. I also assume responsibility for damage to or loss of personal property as the result of any accident that may occur. I also assume risk for accident or injury caused by the negligence of my belayer whether such negligence is comparative or contributory.

I assume the risks of personal injury, accidents and/or illness, including but not limited to sprains, torn muscles and/ or ligaments, fractured or broken bones, eye damage, cuts, wounds, scrapes, abrasions, and/or spinal injuries, animal bite or attack, insect bite or allergic reaction, shock, paralysis, drowning, and/or death, and acknowledge that during the activity I/we may experience fatigue, chill and/or dizziness which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of an accident.

COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH: I recognize that you, as a provider of services, will operate under a covenant of good faith and fair dealing, but that you may find it necessary to terminate an activity due to forces of nature, medical necessities, or problems in the group, and/or refuse to terminate the participation of any person you judge to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of participating in the activity. I accept your right to take such actions for the safety of myself and/or other participants. I acknowledge that no guarantees have been made with the respect to climbing objectives.

AUTHORIZATION: I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury or illness I incur while participating in the activity. I either have appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf.

RELEASE: In consideration of services or property provided, I, for myself and any minor children for which I am parent, legal guardian or otherwise responsible, any heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release: Wilkes Barre Rocks, it’s principals, directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, and each and every land owner, municipal and/or government agency upon whose property an activity is conducted, from all liability and waive any claim for damage arising from any cause whatsoever, (except that which is the result of gross negligence).

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE FOREGOING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FORM I MAY BE WAIVING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.

DO NOT DETATCH BOTTOM PORTION FROM ABOVE DOCUMENT

Participant’s Name _____ Participant’s Age _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

> Address _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone Number _____

Do you have any medical conditions/restrictions? If yes, what are they? _____

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18) _____ Date _____

For Employee Use Only

Lesson: Belay Test: Test Results: P F Instructor: _____ Date: _____

- **CLIMB AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
- **Do NOT attempt to teach your friends how to tie knots and/or belay.**
- **Everyone who belays at Wilkes Barre Rocks must pass a mandatory belay test (\$5). Professional, expert instruction is available at Wilkes Barre Rocks.**
- **Solo climbing is NOT permitted on any walls.**
- **NO FEET ABOVE THE YELLOW LINE while bouldering on the main climbing walls.**
- **No body belays.**
- **All roped climbers must be belayed with a Wilkes Barre Rocks certified belay device.**
- **Lead climbing is only allowed on designated lead wall routes.**
- **Lead climbers must be certified and use certified lead belayers. (Ask before lead climbing.)**
- **All directional clips must be re-clipped by climbers after climbing.**
- **Climbers must wear a manufactured climbing harness while climbing or belaying.**
- **No homemade webbing or rope harnesses.**
- **No smoking or alcohol allowed at Wilkes Barre Rocks.**
- **No barefoot climbing.**
- **No running in gym.**
- **No wrestling.**
- **No obscene language, yelling, and screaming.**
- **Do not lift the ceiling tiles.**
- **Wilkes Barre Rocks and its employees are not responsible for lost or stolen property. Leave valuable items at home or locked in your car.**
- **Memberships are not transferable and will result in loss of membership privileges.**
- **Children under 16 must have adult supervision at all times.**
- **Climbers must anchor to daisy chain ground anchors when belaying heavier climbers. (25 pounds or heavier)**
- **No speed lowering.**
- **No food or beverages in the climbing areas.**
- **No chewing gum.**
- **No glass containers.**
- **No loose chalk. Bison Balls only!**
- **Minimum age requirement: 6 years and older to climb, 16 years or older to belay.**
- **Obey all signs posted throughout the gym.**
- **No climbing with an open wound.**

I have read the rules at Wilkes Barre Rocks and understand that breaking these rules may result in a loss of gym privileges (expulsion) without a refund.

Signature: _____ Date: _____