



Labor Day Weekend Trip to the Pecos Wilderness

Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico

9:00 PM Thursday, Aug. 31 to 6:00 AM Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017

Bus Trip Coordinator: Steve Fleischman, Stephen.Fleischman@verizon.net, 972.689.7317



Destination: High in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains, between Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Taos, the Pecos River flows fast and clear. Conifer and aspen forests and mountain meadows cover the land below alpine tundra at tree line. Elk, mountain sheep, black bears and marmots forage at high elevations in late summer. Motor vehicles aren't allowed beyond our trailheads. The Pecos Wilderness offers some of the best backpacking in the southern Rockies.

Essential Logistics: We'll provide transportation from Dallas, departing at 9 PM Thursday night. Bus seats convert to bunks for sleep until Friday breakfast in Las Vegas, NM. Arrive at one of two trailheads at either 8,100' or 8,800'

elevation between 9 and 10 AM Friday. Backpack four days and camp three nights on one of five hike itineraries that you choose. Itineraries range from 20 to 30 total miles. Each hiking party can accommodate as many as ten participants. Total participants are limited to 37. Monday (Labor Day) afternoon, each group will arrive at destination trailheads for the trip home. We'll eat dinner in Tucumcari, NM before converting the bus seats to bunks for the trip to Dallas, arriving between 5:30 and 6 AM Tuesday.



Trip Options: Read the descriptions of our five trip itinerary options and select two preferences when you register. We try to grant participants one of their top two preferences. [Click here](#) to read a description of our backpacking trip difficulty rating scale. High altitude accounts for ratings that indicate more difficulty than would be warranted if altitude were under 8,000'. If you've not participated in a recent backpacking outing with the Dallas Sierra Club or you've never backpacked at the altitude of your preferred trip option, we encourage you to talk with the leader of your preferred trip before mailing your registration. We encourage exploration beyond your previous experience, but want to steer participants to trip options that will be within their capability and enjoyable.

Trip 1: Pecos Baldy Lake and Trailriders Wall [Moderately strenuous.](#)

From a start at the Jacks Creek Trailhead (8,800'), Trip 1 hikes north about 4 miles, edging west of Round Mountain, to make a first camp at 10,300' near Jacks Creek. On the second day, the group continues 3 miles to make camp for two nights near Pecos Baldy Lake (11,500'). That afternoon or the next morning, Trip 1 will day hike a total of 2½ miles to summit East Pecos Baldy (12,500'), immediately beyond Pecos Baldy Lake. The summit offers outstanding views and a chance of



spotting mountain sheep. The day 3 activity is a day hike of 3 to 4 miles round-trip onto the relatively broad, flat crest of the Sangre de Cristo mountain chain known as Trailriders Wall, known for its alpine tundra vegetation and vistas. The order and timing of day hikes from camp at Pecos Baldy Lake may be rearranged to suit weather conditions and group energy levels. Day 4 will be downhill backpacking (7 miles) to meet the bus at the Jacks Creek Trailhead in the late afternoon. Trip 1 is 14 miles of backpacking and about 6 miles of day hikes. **Leader: Lynn Marple**, MLMarple@gmail.com, 972.644.7266

Trip 2: Cave Creek and Mountain Lakes Loop

Strenuous due to 2,000' uphill on first day.

Starting from the Cowles Trailhead (8,100'), Trip 2 hikes through the Panchuela Campground to follow Cave Creek gradually upstream to camp in a broad saddle south of Horsethief Meadow (6 miles) at 10,100'. Cave Creek takes its name from disappearance into a cave visible from the trail. The next morning starts with a one-mile hike into long, beautiful Horsethief Meadow. Retuning to camp to pack gear, hikers will head southwest on the Skyline Trail, then northwest to pristine Lake Johnson (11,200' and three backpacking miles). Lake Johnson, tucked below Redondo Peak, fills a glacial cirque. On the third day of hiking, Trip 2 moves 3 miles southeast to camp near spring-fed Stewart Lake (10,200'). The fourth day's hike follows the Winsor Ridge Trail 6 miles downhill to the Cowles Trailhead. The complete loop hike is 19 miles of backpacking plus about a mile of day hiking to Horsethief Meadow. **Leader: Greg Holman**, GregHol937@sbcglobal.net, 214.398.8061

Trip 3: Mora Meadows and Hamilton Mesa

Strenuous due to 8-mile distance on first and last days.

Trip 3 begins at the Jacks Creek Trailhead (8,800') and descends 400' to cross the Pecos River on a footbridge after 1½ miles. From there, the trail ascends 1,000' to the small Iron Gate Campground. After lunch, the group pushes on to camp around 9,300' elevation by the meadows known as Mora Flats, near the confluence of the gurgling Rio Mora and Rio Valdez. Total daily distance is 8 miles. The next two days are for hikes from base camp near the confluence. One day's hike will be up the Mora on the Rociada and Bordo del Medio Trails for about 1½ miles to the point where the Bordo del Medio Trail begins its steep climb out of the valley, then back, leaving the balance of the day for further exploration of the Mora Flats area. Another day's hike will be a 5½-mile out-and-back trip to Hamilton Mesa. The day hike could be made into a 10-mile loop if the group prefers. At the crest of Hamilton Mesa at 10,400' is a spectacular panorama of the signature peaks rimming the Pecos Basin. The fourth day, Monday, will be for return to the Jacks Creek Trailhead soon after 3 PM to meet the bus for home. Total miles: 16 with backpacks, 9 to 14 with just essentials. **Leader, Mark Stein**, Mark@Steinplanning.com, 214.526.3733



Trip 4: Mora Meadows and Trailriders Wall Loop

Strenuous due to 8-mile distance on first day and 2,100' uphill on third day.

Like Trip 3, Trip 4 begins at the Jacks Creek Trailhead (8,800'), descends to a footbridge over the Pecos River and ascends 1,000' to

Iron Gate for lunch. The trip continues in the afternoon to one of several fine camp prospects around 9,300' elevation near the Rio Mora and Rio Valdez. Total miles for the day: almost 8. The second day's hike is up the narrow Rio Valdez, up Hamilton Mesa and down to Beattys to camp at 9,400'. From the clearing in the saddle of Hamilton Mesa at 10,400' one gains an

outstanding, wide panorama of Trailriders Wall and the signature peaks that rim the west and north sides of the Pecos Basin. The day's backpacking is 5 miles. On the third day, Trip 4 backpacks to camp at Pecos Baldy Lake (11,500') via the Sebadilloses Trail (#245), a distance of 5 miles. Before or after reaching camp, the group will day hike about 2 miles round-trip onto Trailriders Wall, a broad, level ridge above tree line, covered with alpine flowers and affording unobstructed views. On day 4, Monday, Trip 4 hikes 7 miles downhill, arriving at the Jacks Creek Trailhead in mid-afternoon to meet the bus for home. Total anticipated miles: 25 backpacking, 2 hiking with just essentials. **Leader, Steve Fleischman, Stehen.Fleischman@verizon.net, 972.689.7317**



Trip 5: Truchas Lake Loop

[Very strenuous](#) due to 2,700' uphill on first day.

From the Jacks Creek Trailhead (8,800') Trip 5 hikes 7 miles north to camp near Pecos Baldy Lake (11,500'). The second day's route follows the wide, level Trailriders Wall and the Skyline Trail to camp near high Truchas Lake (11,800'). Camp prospects are ¼ mile south of the lake near the junctions of the Skyline and Jacks Creek (#257) Trail, the rocky ground in sight of Truchas Lake or a dry camp ½ mile east of the lake. Distance for the day is about 6 miles to the far campsite plus any exploration around the Truchas Lakes or Truchas Peak. Next morning, Trip 5 will descend to Beattys, via either the North Azul (#264) Trail (5 miles) or the Skyline (#251) and Beattys (#25) Trail (6½ miles) to Beattys. The group may camp near Beattys (outside the area closed to camping) or ascend Hamilton Mesa (10,400', 2 additional miles) to camp in its saddle and gain a panoramic view of the ridge route hiked the previous day. On day 4, the trip backpacks to the trailhead at Jacks Creeks via the shortest route (7 to 8 miles), depending on the previous night's camp location. Total distance is 25 to 28.5 miles, almost all backpacking. **Leader: Arthur Kuehne, Arthur@AKuehne.com, 214.608.3210**

How to Register:

1. Read everything in this document.
2. Print all three forms at the end of the document, single-sided, please.
3. Complete the forms.
4. Make a check or money order payable to "**Dallas Sierra Club.**" The trip price is **\$260 per person if received by Tuesday, August 15** or **\$320 per person if received after August 15.** (We offer this incentive to register early because we have a deadline to pay for the bus.) The price is set to cover transportation from Dallas, a U.S. Forest Service fee, bottled water for the outbound bus trip, beverages for the return trip and miscellaneous trip expenses, assuming a minimum of 28 registrations. Any receipts exceeding actual trip expenses will be applied to overhead such as first aid training for outings leaders and other Dallas Sierra Club programs.
5. Mail your payment and the signed release form to **Steve Fleischman, 3805 Dutton Drive, Plano TX 75023.** Our lawyers require an original signature on the release.

The Bus Trip Coordinator will send an email to confirm receipt of your forms and check. Receipt doesn't constitute acceptance for the bus trip or a particular hike option. The Coordinator and your trip leader will review your information, and may contact you to confirm the suitability of your preferred trip. If the outing has sold out or if the leaders conclude the outing appears inappropriate for you, your payment will be refunded in full. Assignments to one of the trip options and to seats on the bus will be based on the order in which completed forms and payments are received.

Cancellation Policy: Notify the Bus Trip Coordinator if you must cancel. For cancellations received through August 15 we will refund all but a \$60 cancellation fee. After that date, there will be no refunds for cancellations, late arrivals or no-shows. See the Travel Insurance paragraph below. On rare occasions the Dallas Sierra Club must cancel trips. If DSC cancels, we will refund 100% of trip payments not previously cancelled. The Dallas Sierra Club is not responsible for airfares or other payments that are a consequence of a trip cancellation.

Travel Insurance: We suggest travel insurance to cover non-refundable expenses if you or the Dallas Sierra Club must cancel a trip and to cover medical and evacuation expenses incurred on the trip. The national Sierra Club recommends Travelex for travel insurance: <http://www.travelexinsurance.com/>. Optional coverage for this trip would cost around \$90.

Wait List: If places on the trip are unavailable when your complete registration is received, the Coordinator will advise you immediately. At your option, we will retain your check and deposit it only if a place becomes available or shred your check. If places open, priority will go to registrants on the wait list whose checks we have held for the longest time.

Departure and Parking: Our bus from Red Carpet Charters will be ready for boarding between the new Walmart and new Sam's Club at the southwest quadrant of Midway Road and LBJ Freeway (IH 635) by 8:15 PM Thursday night, August 31. Departure time is 9:00 PM. You may park your vehicle near the bus, between the two stores. Neither the Sierra Club nor Walmart are responsible for the security of your car or its contents, but we have left vehicles at Walmart for multiple days on many occasions and never experienced theft or vandalism.

Bus Comfort and Safety: Our bus will be equipped with a toilet. The bus can get cool or cold at night. You'll need a sleeping bag or blanket to stay comfortable. Consider bringing earplugs and a sleep mask as many veteran bus trippers do. Keep a light jacket accessible on the bus, no matter how warm or dry it is when we leave Dallas. It could be cold or rainy in the early morning when we arrive at our destination.

You may stash a small, crushable bag (8 inches high by 12 inches deep) in either an overhead bin above your seat or under your seat. Larger items go in the cargo bins below the bus interior. Sleeping bags for on-bus use, pillows and other bulky items can be stashed in a designated cargo bin. You'll have access to that bin when we convert the bus seats to bunks. You may leave gear on the bus while hiking. Be cautious about leaving electronic devices, as a parked bus can get hot. Many people leave a change of clothes on the bus for the return trip.

Some rules are important for safety and courtesy to your fellow bus passengers:

- Glass containers are not allowed on the bus. Breakage is a hazard and a mess.
- No perfume or cologne, please. Some people are highly sensitive to scents.
- Smoking is not allowed.
- Music or electronic devices are fine if with earphones that don't leak sound.
- After seats are converted to bunks, reading lights should be out and quiet maintained.
- Please limit phone calls to rest stops. Turn off phones during quiet hours. The bus lacks outlets at seats. Please don't distract the driver by asking to charge electronic devices.
- If you have requests or questions on the bus, please ask the Bus Trip Coordinator. Let the driver concentrate on driving.

Experience and Conditioning: Participants should be in good physical condition. If you can walk around White Rock Lake (9 miles) with a pack in under three hours in cool weather without being overly taxed, you're probably in adequate shape for at least the easier trips. We encourage

you to discuss your experience with the Bus Trip Coordinator or one of the trip leaders if you have any doubt about the suitability of the outing for you.

Weather: High temperatures for July typically range from 60 to 80 degrees F, depending on elevation. Lows are typically in the 30s or 40s. Afternoon thunderstorms and a sudden temperature drop, followed quickly by clearing, are typical July and August weather in the Pecos Wilderness. This may have ended by early September, but rain gear is essential.

Gear: Each person is responsible for bringing personal food and equipment. Arranging to share with a friend is fine. Contact trip leaders before departure if you'd like advice about gear. If your loaded pack weighs more than 25 or 30 pounds before water, you should probably lighten your load. Novice backpackers often learn they have packed excessive weight.

Basic equipment: You need a lightweight tent for shelter from rain, a sleeping bag suitable for temperatures in the 30s and a sleeping pad to insulate you from cold ground. You need a backpack and a pack cover or liner to protect from rain. Bring water containers (See "Water" paragraph), a headlamp (much more satisfactory than a flashlight) and personal first-aid and health items, including a lightweight trowel and toilet paper plus a zip-lock bag for used paper. Bring 30 to 50 feet of cord and a waterproof sack so you can bear-bag your food, trash and toiletries.

Food: Bring enough for three breakfasts, four no-cook lunches and three dinners. Bring a small stove and fuel for cooking unless you plan to share cooking with a friend. We don't build fires, making leave-no-trace camping easier and avoiding ember burns on clothing.

Clothing: Lightweight, versatile layers are key to comfort, given the temperature range we will experience. Five layers for your torso are recommended (including a rain/wind shell) and two layers for your legs. (One of those layers could be rain pants, which double as good thermal protection.) Cotton and denim are chilly and heavy when wet. Lows in the 30's make hypothermia a threat. Wear tested boots and two layers of socks (thin sock on the inside to preclude blisters), gloves and a cap to keep your head warm at night. You'll need a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen for UV protection.

Cash: Bring cash for Friday breakfast in Las Vegas, NM and Monday dinner in Tucumcari. (Paying restaurant checks with cash is generally faster than processing credit cards.)

Even when day hiking, take a jacket, rain gear, hat, food, water, flashlight, first-aid kit, whistle, matches and lightweight space blanket. If you twist an ankle or get lost, these essentials could save your life if you must spend a night away from camp.

Water: There are pumps with potable water at the Panchuela Campground (1.5 miles from Cowles on the Trip 2 route) and at the Jacks Creek Trailhead. Beyond these points, water for drinking must be treated by tablets, filtration or boiling. Stream or lake water will be available daily at one or more points on each trip. Unless your trip leader advises otherwise, bring containers for four liters, but there will be days when you may safely carry some containers empty. **DON'T fill water containers that will be carried in the under-bus cargo.** A leak could wet gear and ruin the trip for several people.

Maps: Trip leaders will have a topographic map of the area where your trip will be hiking. You may ask your leader to view her or his map or bring your own. The U.S. Forest Service sells a 2004 Pecos Wilderness map for \$10. Call the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District at 505.757.6121 if you'd like to order. A "Santa Fe, Truchas Peak Trail Map" (#731) in the National Geographic series is easier to read and lighter.

Minors: Minors (under 18) may participate when accompanied by their legal guardian.

Leave No Trace: Leave-no-trace wilderness ethics are expected of all participants. All trash must be packed out; human waste buried and used toilet paper should be packed out. (Bring a zip-lock bag.) We disallow ground fires at all trail camps. Pets, firearms and smoking are not allowed, for both safety and consideration of others.

Bear Bags: Bears live in the Pecos, although it's rare to see one. Smaller nibblers are more likely to pursue food left on the ground, even in bags. Prepare to hang items that smell in a bear bag each night and follow these guidelines:

- Don't eat in your tent or store food or items with food spills in your tent.
- Prepare meals away from your sleeping area.
- Disperse cooking water over a wide area, away from camp.
- Store trash in your food bag (within a separate plastic bag).
- Pack out all leftover food and trash.

Medical: Our leaders have trained for wilderness first aid, but they are not medical professionals. Participants are encouraged to bring first aid supplies for personal use and a basic knowledge of how to deal with emergencies. Inform leaders if you have a medical condition such as controlled diabetes, heart problems or allergic reactions that could require special emergency treatment. Carry medications for these conditions and tell the leader where you store them. If you're extremely allergic to bee stings, poison ivy or anything else we could encounter, ask your doctor if you should carry an antidote kit. Medical information you provide may be shared with medical professionals who treat you in the event of injury or sickness.

Group = Safety: The Sierra Club prohibits individuals from leaving the led group (the leader and those participants with the leader) to do separate day hiking or other activities. If you leave the group, you do so at your own risk. Participants who leave the led group against leader advice will be asked to sign out of the trip and will no longer be part of the trip. If you take that risk, please don't hike alone. Most deaths in wild areas occur when a solo hiker becomes incapacitated and dies of hypothermia or dehydration before being found. When leaving camp, especially at night, be careful to not get disoriented and lose your way back. If you do get lost, stop and wait to be found, preferably on a trail; don't wander.

Trip Leaders: Our leaders are volunteers. They lead because they love backpacking and wild places and they're eager to share their delight and skills. Don't expect them to provide food or gear or to carry yours. Trip leaders may change the planned route due to group capabilities, weather or safety concerns. Following trip leader directions is important for group safety. If you don't obey the leader's instructions, you assume consequent risks. Don't expect leaders to do more than notify public authorities if you become separated from the group. Leaders are not allowed to search for missing people at night and may not put others in the group at risk to search for lost participants.

Scared? Relax. The Dallas Sierra Club has conducted outings for more than forty years without major injuries. If you're in reasonably good physical condition and select a trip option matching your capabilities, these trips are reasonably safe. The cautions and disclosures of risk are presented to help you make an informed decision about participation. Hopefully, they will also encourage participants to act with due care so we can all have a good time.

California Seller of Travel Law: Because the Sierra Club is a California nonprofit corporation and California has a "Seller of Travel" law, we're required to post this notice: **CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.**



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Medical Form

Print this form. Complete and mail it with your check or money order and other forms to Steve Fleischman, 3805 Dutton Drive, Plano, TX 75023.

This form is for leaders to evaluate health needs as part of trip planning and for use in emergencies. After reviewing the form, a leader may contact you to discuss whether the trip will be safe and enjoyable for you, considering your medical history. We will keep the information on this form confidential. It will be seen only by leaders, medical personnel, or others who know and understand its confidential nature. The form will be destroyed after the trip.

General Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ Gender: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Blood Pressure: _____ / _____ Resting Heart Rate: _____ bpm

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Evacuation and Medical Insurance Information

We strongly encourage you to have medical and evacuation insurance and to bring your insurance card or other documentation with you on the trip.

Evacuation Insurance	Medical Insurance
Company Name:	Company Name:
Policy Number:	Policy Number:
Contact Phone Number:	Contact Phone Number:

Allergies

Include medicines, foods, animals, insect bites and stings, and environment (dust, pollen, etc.). NONE

Allergy	Reaction	Medication Required (if any)

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Medical History

Please list all prescription, over-the-counter, and natural medications you are taking. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

Medication Name	Dosage	Frequency	Side Effects (known & potential)	Reason for Taking

Do you currently have, or have a history with, the following conditions (explain in blank and use separate sheet if necessary):

- Yes No Respiratory problems, Asthma, Do you smoke _____
- Yes No Diabetes _____
- Yes No Gastrointestinal problems _____
- Yes No Cardiac problems, Hypertension _____
- Yes No Neurological problems, Seizures _____
- Yes No Vision or Eye problems _____
- Yes No Hearing problems _____
- Yes No Bone, Joint, Muscle problems _____
- Yes No Head trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury _____
- Yes No Substance Abuse, Anxiety, Depression _____
- Yes No If female: Are you pregnant _____
- Yes No Have you had an illness within the last 12 months _____
- Yes No Have you had surgery or been hospitalized in the last 12 months _____
- Yes No Have you ever had problems related to exposure to altitude _____
- Yes No Any other health complaint or medical issue that would affect your participation in this trip _____

If YES, please explain _____

Date of last tetanus immunization: _____ Date of most recent physical: _____

Physician's name: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Please have physician sign if your leader requires a physical prior to trip

Physician's signature: _____ Date: _____

The information provided here is a complete and accurate statement of any physical and psychological conditions that may affect my participation on this trip. I realize that failure to disclose such information could result in serious harm to myself and other participants. I agree to inform my trip leader should there be any changes to my health status prior to the start of the trip. I understand the outing may require vigorous activity that is both physically and mentally demanding in isolated areas without medical facilities. **I am fully capable of participating on this trip.**

Trip Name: _____ **Trip Dates:** _____

Signature (required): _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____



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Preference Form

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Print this form. Complete and mail it with your payment and other forms to
Steve Fleischman, 3805 Dutton Drive, Plano, TX 75023.

PARTICIPANT NAME: (printed): _____

TRIP PREFERENCE:

Trip choice (Trip 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) 1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

SEAT AND BUNK PREFERENCES: We assign preferred seating to trip leaders, then try to honor preferences according to the date the Bus Trip Coordinator receives your complete set of forms and payment.

Front or back? Front Middle Back No preference
Aisle or window? Aisle Window No preference
Top or bottom bunk? Top Bottom No preference

Sit and bunk together with (if you have a preference): _____

BACKPACKING EXPERIENCE:

Have you participated in a previous Dallas Sierra Club bus trips? Yes No
If yes, where and when was your most recent trip?

Have you backpacked before? Yes No

If yes, where and when? _____

Have you backpacked at altitude above 10,000 feet? Yes No

How did you learn about this trip? _____

The Bus Trip Coordinator or one of the trip leaders may contact you to review your preparedness for a trip, particularly if you've not backpacked on a recent Dallas Sierra Club trip. We want your trip to be a safe and enjoyable experience.

I have read the attached trip descriptions in full and I understand the described difficulties and risks associated with the trip choices I have selected above. I have no undisclosed health problems that could require me to need immediate medical attention and I am in sufficient physical condition to participate in the trip options I have selected. I understand that immediate medical assistance will not be available if I become ill or injured while on this trip, that evacuation could take days if I do become injured, and that I am responsible for any evacuation and medical costs that may be incurred, should I need medical attention.

SIGNATURE of adult participant: _____ Date _____

SIGNATURE of legal guardian if participant is a minor: _____ Date _____



Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

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An original signature is required on this form. A scanned signature is unacceptable.

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. 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 and the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. 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 Sierra Club Outings 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 on this Outing 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 this Outing, and the services and amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

- I have read any rules and conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me. I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the Bus Trip Coordinator and my trip leader.
- The Outing officially begins and ends at the location(s) designated by the Sierra Club. The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the Outing, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club during the Outing.
- If I decide to leave early and not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, 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 Sierra Club arising from that decision.
- 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.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree **to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, 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 Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I further agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant on the outing. 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 Outing.
- 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 Outing.
- I have read, I understand, and I agree to the Cancellation Policy of the Dallas Regional Group, Sierra Club.

Printed name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

If you are a minor (under age 18), your parent or legal guardian must sign this Agreement on your behalf.

I hereby agree and consent to the foregoing Agreement on behalf of the minor below.

Print Name and Age of Minor: _____ Age: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____