



AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY



1. **Voluntary Participation.** I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the following activity with, for, or on the premises of the Ventura County Parks Department: Ojai Valley Trail, Adopt-a-Trail Program

I further acknowledge that by voluntarily participating in this activity I will not become an employee, contractor, or agent of the Ventura County Parks Department, and that I will not be entitled to any wages, benefits, or other privileges of employment, including Workers' Compensation or other disability insurance coverage.

2. **Assumption of Risk.** I AM AWARE THAT THE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED MAY BE HAZARDOUS **AND INVOLVES INHERENT RISKS.** I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSSIBLE DANGER INVOLVED, AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH FROM PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES. **I will perform tasks only within my ability, and I will not undertake tasks beyond my ability or use any tools or equipment with which I am unfamiliar and cannot operate safely.**

3. **Release.** As consideration for being permitted by the Ventura County Parks Department to participate in this activity and use related facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, or sue, the **County of Ventura, its employees or its officials** on account of injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any employee, agent, or contractor of the Ventura County Parks Department as a result of my participation in the described activity. I hereby release **and hold harmless** the **County of Ventura, its employees or its officials** from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the described activities.

4. **Knowing and Voluntary Execution.** I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN ME AND THE **COUNTY OF VENTURA** AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed on _____, 20____, at Ventura, California.

_____ [signature]

_____ [printed name]