

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN MODEL CLEANUP DAY 2017 WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK
(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)**

I agree as follows: 1. I am volunteering my services for Mississippi River Basin Model Cleanup Day 2017 (“the Event”); 2. I will perform assigned tasks that are within my physical capability, and I will not undertake tasks that are beyond my ability; 3. I will not participate if under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could impair my physical or mental abilities; 4. I am familiar with the safe operation and use of machinery, equipment and tools that I may utilize in connection with the Event, and I will not undertake to use any machinery, equipment or tools with which I am unfamiliar or which I do not know how to operate safely; 5. I have received appropriate instruction regarding this Event, including appropriate safety and emergency procedures, I fully understand those instructions, and I agree, after proper inspection, to use only the supplies, tools and equipment provided by Event organizers; 6. I will perform only those tasks assigned, observe all safety rules, and use care in the performance of my assignments; 7. I specifically acknowledge that I am engaging in this activity as a volunteer and not as a State of Mississippi employee, agent, official, officer or representative, and further acknowledge that I am not entitled to any compensation, benefit or insurance coverage from the State of Mississippi, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Friends of Mississippi River Basin Model, the Jackson Branch of ASCE, or any Event promoter, sponsor, or organizer, nor will I make any such claim. I understand and agree that neither the State of Mississippi, Friends of Mississippi River Basin Model, Jackson Branch of ASCE, City of Jackson Department of Parks & Recreation, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents or assigns, (collectively referred to as “Released Parties”), may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in the Event, or as a result of product liability or the negligence, whether passive or active, of any party, including Released Parties, in connection with the Event.

I understand that cleaning up wooded and abandoned areas involves certain inherent risks, including but not limited to, the risks of possible injury, infection or loss of life as a result of contact with needles, metal objects, burning embers or other hazardous materials, wild animals, poisonous plants, snakes, or from over-exertion or environmental conditions, including but not limited to flooding, rockslides, sun exposure, or dangerous terrain. Despite the risks, I still choose to participate in such activity.

No known physical or health limitation prevents me from safely participating in this Event. In Consideration for being allowed to participate, I personally assume all risks, whether foreseen or unforeseen, in connection with the Event of any harm, injury or damage that may befall me as a participant.

If I am injured during the Event, I authorize any physician licensed in Mississippi to perform such emergency treatment as he or she believes, in his or her sole judgment, may be necessary. I am over the age of eighteen and legally competent to sign this liability release, or I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian. I understand that the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, this instrument is legally binding, and I have signed this document of my own free act.

I agree to allow my image to be used in published materials and web sites that promote the programs of the Friends of Mississippi River Basin Model and/or any programs conducted by the Released Parties. By including my email address below, I understand that the Friends of Mississippi River Basin may contact me about future Mississippi Basin River Model Cleanup Day events and other Public Education programs.

I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY CLAIM OR LAWSUIT FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH, BY ME, MY FAMILY, ESTATE, HEIRS, OR ASSIGNS, ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT, INCLUDING BOTH CLAIMS ARISING DURING AND AFTER THE ACTIVITY, AND INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS BASED ON THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND/OR THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE.

I FURTHER AGREE THAT I WILL DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM AND AGAINST ANY CLAIM OR LAWSUIT FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT, INCLUDING BOTH CLAIMS ARISING DURING AND AFTER THE ACTIVITY, AND INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS BASED ON THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND/OR THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE. NOTHING IN THIS RELEASE, HOWEVER, SHALL REQUIRE ANY OF THE UNDERSIGNED INDIVIDUALS TO DEFEND AND/OR INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY CLAIM OR LAWSUIT ARISING FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

Spelling of Participant's Name	Date	Street Address	Phone
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Signature of Participant	City, State, Zip	E-mail
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IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, THE PARENT (OR GUARDIAN, IF ANY) MUST SIGN.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above participant and he/she has my permission to participate in Mississippi River Basin Model Cleanup Day. I have read and agree to the provisions stated above for myself and the participant. Further, I understand and agree that the sponsors and organizers of the Event are not responsible for supervision of minor participants and that if I allow the above minor to participate without my supervision, I assume all the risks from such participation.

Spelling of Parent/Legal Guardian's Name	Date	Street Address	Phone
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	City, State, Zip	E-mail
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