

NICOLA NATURALIST SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NOTE: To participate in any club field activity or work party you must sign the Assumption of Risk form (see the other side.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Last
First
(if there is a second member see line 5)

Mailing Address _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone: () _____ Check box on left to receive e-mail notices & newsletters

Second name _____ E-mail Address: _____

Birth date if a member is under 19 years _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Allergies or medical condition, if relevant (optional) _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

Please indicate type of membership. **Please make cheques payable to: Nicola Naturalist Society**

Single Membership \$25.00

Family Membership* (couple or parent(s) plus dependent children) \$35.00

*** NOTE: for a family membership each of the two applicants must sign the Assumption of Risk (on reverse side).**

Student/Junior (registered student or person under 16 years old) \$ 20.00

Membership dues \$
Donation \$
Total submitted \$

Society membership dues cover the calendar year starting 1 September and include membership in the Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (BC Nature).

Please complete and return this form to the Nicola Naturalist Society Treasurer at:

The Nicola Naturalist Society, 2708 Grandview Heights, Merritt, BC, V1K 1R1

CONSENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I, the participant, authorize the Nicola Naturalist Society and the Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (BC Nature) to collect and use personal information about me for the purpose of receiving communications (including newsletters, e-mails and articles on the Nicola Naturalist Society's website or BC Nature website). We do not sell or distribute your personal information to any other third party not listed herein. I understand that I may withdraw such consent at any time by contacting the Nicola Naturalist Society's secretary. The secretary will advise the implications of such withdrawal.

Check box on right to indicated your consent for use of personal information

 Signature of Parent/Guardian (If under 19) Date

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In consideration of the acceptance of my (or my child/ward's) membership in the Nicola Naturalist Society, I, the participant (and/or parent/guardian on behalf of a minor participant), agree as follows:

1. To abide by the policies and bylaws of the Nicola Naturalist Society.
2. I have reviewed the Assumption of Risk agreement and my signature affixed hereto indicates my agreement with such Assumption of Risk agreement.
3. I accept sole responsibility for my (or my child/ward's) personal possessions and equipment (if applicable).
4. No children under 16 will be allowed on society field outings unless accompanied by a parent or other adult.

I acknowledge that I have read this form in its entirety and that I have executed this membership agreement voluntarily.

1 **Signature** of Participant (if aged 19 and over) _____

 Signature of 2nd Participant (If aged 19 and over) Signature of Parent/Guardian (If under 19) Date

NICOLA NATURALIST SOCIETY - INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

WARNING!

By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue. Please read carefully.

DISCLAIMER

This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the programs, activities and events of the Nicola Naturalist Society and the Federation of BC Naturalists (BC Nature), the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

The Nicola Naturalist Society and the Federation of BC Naturalists and their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the programs, activities and events of the Organization.

DESCRIPTION OF RISKS

I am participating voluntarily in these activities, events and programs of the Organization. In consideration of my participation in the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to any such programs, activities and events of the Organization and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a) Field trips and outings;
- b) Nature walks;
- c) Bird counts and watching;
- d) Road cleanup;
- e) Animal attacks, including but not limited to, bears, cougars and snakes;
- f) Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke, hypothermia, frostbite, or lightning strikes;
- g) Inhalation of viruses or infections including but not limited to, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome;
- h) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques including climbing and hiking;
- i) Vigorous physical exertion;
- j) Grass, turf and other surfaces including bacterial infections and rashes;
- k) Falling to the ground due to uneven, slippery, steep, rocky or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- l) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- m) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed; and
- n) Travel to and from activities, events and programs.

1. Furthermore, I am aware:

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe;
- b) That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the activities, events and programs;
- c) That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation; and
- d) That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

2. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:

- a) That I do not know of any medical condition I might have that could possibly make it unwise from me to participate in the club's activities, events or programs, including but not limited to heart conditions;
- b) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in such activities, events and programs;
- c) To forever release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participation in the activities, events and programs of the Organization.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

3. I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and understand it, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

Printed Name of Participant

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Signature of Participant

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Second name & signature (Family membership only)

Date