

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

## General Campus Activities, Events and Programs Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver

Stetson University sponsors a variety of recreational, educational and community related activities and events for students as a means of providing a comprehensive and diverse learning environment. These programs, events and activities offer a wide variety of opportunities and involvement for which the student may voluntarily participate in. These programs and activities help to enhance our students' social networking and growth, build lasting relationships and memories, and add to their overall campus experience.

### **Types of Activities and Risks:**

As with any activities and events, there is always some degree of risk involved. Despite safety precautions, the University cannot guarantee the safety thereof, as all risks cannot be prevented. The following is a comprehensive, yet limited list of activities, events and programs that students may choose to be involved in at their own discretion:

### **Campus Activities, Events and Programs offered may include, but are not limited to:**

Pool related events; various sports related events, programs & activities; general fitness and game play at the recreational center; Campus Olympics; philanthropy/charity events; campus volunteer work; blood bank donations; community engagement; community building projects/Habitat for Humanity; assistance with campus events and set-ups; music/concert programs; theatre/performance programs or set building; various student group or club events and projects; car washes; approved car bash events; inflatable games/bounce house etc; mechanical bull/dunking booth; rock climbing wall; face or body painting/splashing; henna tattoos; laser tag; food eating contests; Winter/snow & ice events; campus bike rentals and biking activities; use of hammocks; Relay for Life; relay races, charity runs & walks; campus sponsored picnics, dances or parties; grill/cookout events; approved bonfire events; events including water activities/water slides; local attractions/theme parks; programs involving the beach, springs, lakes or parks; off-campus events/trips involving various recreational activities (camping, canoeing, white-water rafting, horseback riding, snorkeling, ziplining, etc); food related/bake sale events; special demonstrations and shows; art shows; campus entertainment programs such as live bands, DJ's, magicians, hypnotists, films, dancers, etc; talent shows; fashion shows; animal/humane society interaction; spectator sports; fireworks celebrations, etc.

**Participation in the aforementioned activities, events and programs are completely voluntary. Students hereby agree and understand that it is their responsibility to determine which activities they are physically capable of participating in, and may choose or decline to do any activity, program or event at any time.** As with any campus sponsored program or event, all students are expected to follow the university's Code of Conduct and Community Standards available on the Stetson Intranet under the "Community Standards" section / 'Code of Community Standards'. Certain events and activities, such as those that are off-campus, are only offered depending upon availability and some may require extra expenses, special fees/admission, travel/hotel fees etc.

### **Risks Associated with these Activities or Programs:**

**These activities and various programs and events can be physically challenging and carry a varying degree of risk depending upon the type of venue and activities involved. Those that involve sports, fitness, game play, manual labor, physical activity/exertion, travel, equipment use and recreational activities typically carry the highest risk and potential for injuries. Due to the nature of these activities, events and programs, participant and parent/guardian hereby acknowledge and understand that participation could involve risk of bodily injury, illness, death, or property damage. Upon signing this form, participant and parent/guardian acknowledge and hereby accept these risks, and shall assume full responsibility for any choices in program/event involvement, as well as any associated injuries or damages that may occur and any related medical costs thereof.**

### **Safety & Health /Emergency Treatment:**

I agree and acknowledge that despite safety precautions, Stetson University cannot guarantee my personal safety and is not liable or responsible for my health and safety. I understand that my safety and health is primarily dependent upon my choices and taking proper care of myself. However, I wish to, and hereby do, grant Stetson University and its staff, assistants and associates full authority to take, or not take, in its sole discretion, whatever actions it may consider warranted under the circumstances for my health and safety while I am an active student, and during any campus activity, and I hereby release each of them from any liability for any such decisions or actions as may be taken by them in connection therewith. The authority granted in the preceding sentence shall include the right (at the sole discretion of Stetson University) to place me, at my own expense, and without any further consent, in a hospital, for emergency medical services and treatment, or if no hospital is readily accessible, with a local medical doctor for treatment, in the event I am unable to.

**Medical Coverage:**

All students enrolled at Stetson University are expected to have adequate health insurance to cover them while attending the University. For those who do not currently have health insurance coverage, a Student Health Plan is made available to all eligible students. For more information regarding the Student Plan, please go to the 'Insurance' webpage in the Intranet (in the A-Z directory), or the 'Parent Info' webpage on Stetson.edu.

**Equipment & Vendor/Participant Waiver:**

Stetson University does not warrant or guarantee in any respect the physical condition of any of the equipment or vehicles used in connection with said activities, nor the competency or credentials of any individual participant or vendor associated with this program.

Student hereby acknowledges that if I drive my own vehicle, or am a passenger in another's private vehicle in connection with these activities or trip, that Stetson University's auto insurance does not cover such a private vehicle. I also understand that the University cannot be responsible for assuring the safety and reliability of such private transportation or driver, nor for any non-sponsored activities and travel that I choose to participate in before, during or after any university sponsored activities, and I therefore accept the risks and responsibilities associated with such private vehicle travel and activities.

**Liability Acknowledgement and Waiver:**

Furthermore, in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the above referred activities, events and programs, with full knowledge and acceptance of the risks involved, and full understanding of the above issues/conditions, I hereby release and hold harmless Stetson University, Inc., its faculty, staff, officers, trustees, representatives, chaperones, employees, volunteers, and agents from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, claims, or demands of any nature, including personal injuries, death, damages or property loss resulting from said participation.

I have read and understand the foregoing, and, as necessary, have had the opportunity to have it reviewed by my guardian and/or legal counsel, and hereby agree to be bound by same. I understand that this document shall be applicable to all activities, events and programs that occur during my entire term as a student at Stetson University.

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Student Signature Date

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Witness Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Student

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Printed Name of Witness

Student's Stetson 800# : \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date  
*(If participant is under 18 years of Age)*

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Student's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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