AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

INFORMED CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE OFTEN CONDUCTED IN MOUNTAINOUS OR BACKCOUNTRY TERRAIN. THESE COURSES INVOLVE RISKS, DANGERS, AND HAZARDS IN ADDITION TO THOSE NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH BEING IN A MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT. ALL AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF MAJORITY MUST HAVE THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGN THIS *INFORMED CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK DOCUMENT.*

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I CONSENT TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE IDENTIFIED BELOW AND I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT TRAVEL IN MOUNTAINOUS OR BACKCOUNTRY TERRAIN INVOLVES RISK AND DANGERS AND THAT MY CHILD COULD BE INJURED OR KILLED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM DOES NOT IN ITSELF QUALIFY MY CHILD TO SAFELY TRAVEL THROUGH AVALANCHE PRONE TERRAIN.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

This Informed Consent and Risk Acknowledgement Shall Apply to All Future Participation in Avalanche Skills Training Courses

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Name of child participant		Date of birth YYY-MM-DD
Mailing Address		
City	Prov.	Postal Code
Avalanche Skills Training 1	☐	Location of course
Avalanche Skills Training 2	☐	Course Date
Companion Rescue Skills Course	☐	
Managing Avalanche Terrain Course	☐	

DEFINITIONS

In this Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk Document:

a) the term **"MOUNTAIN TRAVEL"** shall include but is not limited to skiing; snowboarding; snowshoeing; hiking and climbing; use of ski lifts, and all travel by snowmobile, snowcat, motor vehicle, aircraft, helicopter, and other conveyances.

b) the term **"AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING"** shall include all courses, seminars, workshops, field activities, services and use of facilities in any way related to the avalanche course my child is participating in including, but not limited to: classroom sessions; field trips; and all mountain travel either within or beyond the ski area boundaries or in the backcountry; and all transportation by air or on public or private roads or highways in connection with the Course.

AVALANCHE CANADA'S ROLE IN AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING

Avalanche Canada ("AvCan") facilitates avalanche safety training in Canada by developing nationally recognized avalanche course standards and providing support and instructional materials to independent instructors who in turn deliver the Avalanche Skills Training ("AST") programs.

- AvCan does not certify AST instructors or monitor their performance as instructors.
- AvCan does not supervise or control the classroom or outdoors activities or safety decisions of AST instructors.
- AvCan does not choose the terrain or monitor the conditions for AST field sessions.
- AST Instructors are not employees, agents, representatives, independent contractors, or subcontractors of AvCan.
- AvCan assumes no liability for loss, injury or death incurred during participation in AST programs.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS - AVALANCHES, MOUNTAIN TRAVEL, WEATHER, ETC. I am aware that the field sessions of the Avalanche Skills Training program may take place in mountainous or backcountry terrain and involve various risks, dangers and hazards. I acknowledge and accept that the AST Instructor may fail to predict whether the terrain is safe for travel or whether avalanches may occur. Further risks, dangers or hazards may include but are not limited to: ice and snow cornices; trees, tree wells and tree stumps; creeks; rocks and boulders; forest deadfall; holes and depressions on or beneath the snow surface; cliffs; variable and difficult snow conditions; crevasses; winter travel on highways and backcountry roads; snowcat roads and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures; becoming lost or separated from the Instructor or other Course participants; extreme and rapidly changing weather conditions; observing or participating in snow control programs, encounters with hunters or domestic or wild animals, including bears; negligence of other persons; infectious disease contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact; mechanical failure of ski lifts, snowmobiles, snowcats and related equipment; impact or collision with other persons or snowmobiles, snowcats and other vehicles; failure to operate a snowmobile safely or within one's own ability; AND NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE BY THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT OR WARN MY CHILD FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE AVALANCHE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM AND I UNDERSTAND ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE TO MY CHILD OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

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I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK DOCUMENT

_____ _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian | Date

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Name of Parent or Guardian | Name of Child Participant

EXAMPLE