

## IMG Rainier Application Package

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*We take your application to join an IMG MT. RAINIER program seriously. Our application process will require some extra time and paperwork from you, but this helps us do a better job screening our participants and ensuring that our IMG team members get on a program that fits their experience and expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding our application procedures.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Many of our climbs on Mt. Rainier fill quickly. The website availability does not operate in “real-time” and changes occur regularly. Please check the Rainier Climbs schedule on our website, and call the IMG office to verify availability before sending your application and fees. **Please refer to our website ([www.mountainguides.com](http://www.mountainguides.com)) for program-specific information, trip itineraries, travel/logistics, equipment lists/rentals, travel insurance and more. Many of your questions may be addressed on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page.**

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- ✓ Review website for program information & available dates.
- ✓ Review Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) <http://www.mountainguides.com/rainier-faq.shtml>
- ✓ Download, print & execute Rainier Application Packet. Please read all forms carefully. **We DO NOT accept signatures in an electronic format (i.e. inserting an electronic signature into a PDF document). An original autograph must be on each signature line.**
  - IMG Rainier Application Package includes:
    - IMG Instructions and Payment Information.
    - Form 1: General Terms and Conditions
    - Form 2: Participant Information
    - Form 3: Participant Medical Information
    - Form 4: Acknowledgement of Risk and Contract.
- ✓ Call IMG office to confirm availability.
- ✓ **To secure your position on the program**, please scan and email the completed application to [Office@MountainGuides.com](mailto:Office@MountainGuides.com) or fax to (866) 279-7455. If you choose to mail your application and payment via USPS, please address to: International Mountain Guides, P.O. Box 246, Ashford, WA 98304 (please note this option is not recommended as slots fill up fast). Submitting your completed application and applicable fees is the only way to apply for and secure your position on the program – we do not take reservations over the phone. Incomplete forms may delay or prevent your confirmation. Slots are sold on a first come, first served basis.
  - If paying by check: US Customers – make payable to International Mountain Guides Trust Account. *International Customers (including Canada) – No personal checks or bank drafts. Bank wire information will be provided upon request.*
  - If you are applying for program admission within 90 days of the program's start date, all fees for the program are due and payable at time of registration.
- ✓ Receive confirmation from our office.
  - **Your position is not confirmed until all properly executed forms and applicable fees have been received, reviewed and approved at the IMG office in Ashford, WA. If within 48 business hours you have not received an IMG confirmation email, please contact our office to confirm we have received all of your required forms.**
- ✓ Purchase optional travel/trip cancellation insurance:
  - International Mountain Guides strongly recommends purchasing travel and trip cancellation insurance. **Our fees are completely non-refundable and non-transferable once paid.** We recommend several plan options that are listed on our website here: <http://www.mountainguides.com/travel-insurance.shtml> . You can view trip-specific recommendations and get a quote by clicking on the links provided on that page.

### Special Notes:

- **If you are MARRIED, your spouse's dated signature is REQUIRED on IMG Form 4.**
  - **If you are UNDER THE AGE OF 18, you must be accompanied on the climb by a parent or legal guardian and both you and your parent or legal guardian must sign ALL FORMS.**
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## Payment Information

**All Fields REQUIRED - Please print clearly**

IMG Mt. Rainier Program Name & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be paid: **\$300 non-refundable application fee** or full payment within 90 days of program.  
Full payment is required at registration for each program costing less than \$600

**We accept only:**

Visa  MC Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yyyy) CIV#: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digit security code)

Name as it appears on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

*If cardholder is paying on participant's behalf, the cardholder's original signature is required below. Subject to verification.*

Account Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, I, the cardholder, agree to pay the above total amount and subsequent payments as outlined in the Terms and Conditions.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Terms and Conditions to Consider – Please review complete details on IMG Form 1

- All fees are 100% non-refundable & non-transferable once paid.
- Travel/trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.
- For programs costing over \$600, final payment of your program fees is due 90 days prior to your program, and we will automatically charge your most current credit card on file for the balance of your program when it comes due. It is your responsibility to inform our office if your credit card information changes, and if your contact information changes. Late or non-payment of fees may result in cancellation of your reservation and forfeiture of all fees paid.
- The completed Rainier Application Package and payment of the application fee (or payment in full if within 90 days) is required to confirm your position on a program. It is the participant's responsibility to assure that IMG has all necessary paperwork and fees in a timely manner.
- After processing your application and credit card, you should receive an email confirmation from our office within 48 business hours. If you do not receive this email, please contact our office as soon as possible.

**QUESTIONS?** Check out the FAQ page on our website first: <http://www.mountainguides.com/rainier-faq.shtml>

## IMG FORM 1: General Terms and Conditions

International Mountain Guides, LLC. (“IMG”) reserves the right to deny participation to any individual. Upon acceptance of your Application Package and confirmation by IMG, applicants are deemed Participants of the program and are subject to all of the following terms and conditions:

This service is operated by International Mountain Guides, LLC, a Concessioner under contract with the U.S. Government and administered by the National Park Service. The Concessioner is responsible for conducting these operations in a satisfactory manner. Prices are approved by the National Park Service.

Please address comments to: Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park  
55210 238<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Ashford, Washington 98304-9751

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

- We expect participants to be in good health and possess the physical fitness level required for their particular program. We expect participants to bring proper personal clothing and equipment.
- Participants need to read and understand the materials posted on our website regarding the program and its objectives, itinerary and travel plans. Participants should contact IMG if questions arise.
- Participants are expected to work together as a team with consideration for fellow members.

### IMG DISCRETION

- IMG requires Participants to be prepared physically, technically and psychologically for all programs and IMG reserves the right to dismiss a Participant from a program at any time based on any factors that IMG discovers.
- Participants must supply IMG true, complete and accurate information on the Participant Information form (including the information concerning training and prior mountaineering experience), Participant Medical Information form, and in any other written or oral communications.
- IMG reserves the right to dismiss any Participant or send any Participant down to lower altitude at any time if, in the sole judgment of IMG, it is in the best interest of that Participant or any other person.
- IMG reserves the right to change, alter or cancel the itinerary as, in IMG’S sole discretion, IMG finds necessary for the proper and safe conduct of the program.
- Participants acknowledge that IMG program plans are necessarily subject to change based on a number of factors, including but not limited to weather, terrain, changes in costs, and many other factors, and that IMG has complete discretion to effect any change of plans to accommodate any of these or other factors, including but not limited to increases in program fees, changes to the program schedule or itinerary, change of guides or staff, and changes to any means of conveyance, when deemed necessary or advisable, without notice and without allowance of refund and with the liability for any increased program fees, if any, to be borne by each participant.

### OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Participants authorize and release to IMG the use of their image in any photograph or video recording for any legal purpose of IMG.
- Participants understand that no guarantees have been made with respect to the program objectives.
- I agree that Washington law shall be applied in any legal action involving the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of this agreement or any disagreement or legal action between the parties, and that any legal action, lawsuits or arbitration resulting from my participation in this activity shall be brought only in Pierce County, Washington.
- IMG hereby gives notice that it only serves as an agent for hotels, transportation companies, land operators, and suppliers of travel services, and that no responsibility or liability is assumed by IMG in connection with any travel service, including but not limited to airlines, hotels, and motor vehicle operators, and that IMG will not be responsible for any act, error, omission, nor any injury, loss, accident, delay, irregularity, or danger by a supplier of travel services to Participants.
- Participants acknowledge that they are advised to buy personal life, medical, accident, travel, disability, baggage, cancellation, rescue, and other insurance that may pertain to their participation in the program. Participants understand that IMG provides them with no such insurance coverage.

### PROGRAM CANCELLATION

- IMG reserves the right to cancel a trip for any reason prior to departure. In that event, IMG will refund application and program fees paid by Participants.
- In the event of a program cancellation and upon refund to Participants of all program fee payments, IMG shall be released from any further liability to Participants, including but not limited to liability for additional costs Participants

may have incurred, pre-departure expenses, non-refundable advance purchase air tickets, equipment purchases and medical expenses.

- IMG’s Turnaround Raincheck Credit Vouchers: IMG’s owners understand the Mountain well enough to know there will be days when getting to the first camp is impossible and a small number of the scheduled programs will end in first day disappointment. Whenever a climbing group is unable to proceed to their camp on the first day of the program, the Company will attempt first to reschedule acceptable alternatives for the following day, or will offer a raincheck credit voucher equal to 50% of the cost of the customer’s program to be applied to a program of equal or greater cost within 12 months. It is important to understand not only the disappointment the customer feels when the weather forces a first-day turnaround, but also the disappointment the guides feel. Having committed their availability to a program and planned on the earned income, IMG feels it is inappropriate to completely cancel their employment on the days that will suddenly no longer be required of them. IMG will offer these guides an opportunity to work the remaining scheduled days, or the guides can elect not to work and will not be compensated. IMG has used this formula in the past and it has worked well. Everyone (customer, employee and company) shares in some of the economic and emotional cost of unpredictable weather without any one party bearing the entire loss load.

**PROGRAM FEES AND PAYMENTS**

- Registration for IMG Rainier programs requires the completed IMG Rainier Application Package and a minimum \$300 non-refundable application fee (check or Visa/Master Card only). Full payment is required at registration for 1 & 2-Day schools and for any programs that cost less than \$600. Application Fees apply toward program fees.
- Final balance of fees **is due at 90 days before the first scheduled date of the program**. We encourage you to forward payment to our office prior to that time. If an alternative form of payment is not received at our office by that time, **the Visa or Master Card we have on file will be automatically billed for any remaining balance**. Please contact us if you feel your payment will not arrive by the due date. It is the participant’s responsibility to adhere to the fee payment schedule. **Late or non-payment of fees may result in cancellation of program reservations and forfeiture of all fees paid.**

IMG incorporates the required Climbing Permit fees and Park Entrance fees mandated by the National Park Service (NPS) into our total advertised program cost. As a convenience to our customers, we collect these fees from you on behalf of the NPS and pass them through directly.

**CANCELLATION, CHANGE AND REFUND POLICY**

- All program cancellations must be made in writing by the participant to IMG. Program cancellations made greater than 90 days before the program date will result in refund of all fees paid less a \$300 cancellation fee for each cancelled program. **Cancellations made within 90 days of the program date will result in forfeiture of payments made.** In the case of a cancellation and forfeiture of full trip fees, IMG will refund the cost of the NPS fees. **All application and program fee payments are non-refundable and non-transferable; fees may not be held over for future season climbs or non-Rainier programs. We strongly recommend Participants purchase travel and trip cancellation insurance.**
- Changes to program dates that are requested greater than 60 days before the customer’s scheduled program will be allowed for Rainier programs of equal or greater value, subject to availability within the current calendar year, with a \$100 change fee imposed. Changes made within 60 days of program are not allowed.

**AGREEMENT: I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Participant print full name),** of my own free will, for my family, minor children, spouse, dependent parents, my heirs and executors, assigns and myself, have had a full opportunity to review this document and I have read, understand and agree to the General Terms and Conditions contained herein. I have also read the other Forms in the IMG Application Package, IMG program materials and relevant website information (e.g. Fee Payment Schedule, Itinerary, Personal Equipment Checklist, and other documents, maps, accounts, and information pertinent to the program and I understand and agree to the information, terms and conditions contained therein. The above named forms are incorporated herein.

Participant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**We DO NOT accept signatures in an electronic format (i.e. inserting an electronic signature into a PDF document). An original autograph must be on each signature line.**

**THIS APPLICATION PACKAGE IS SUBJECT TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE BY IMG IN ASHFORD, WA.**

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of minor print full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.*

# IMG FORM 2: Participant Information (Page 1 of 2)

**All fields are REQUIRED – Please print clearly**

## A. Personal Information

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Most communication is via email – please print clearly

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name/Relationship & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact Name/Relationship & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Program Name:</b> _____ <b>Fees: \$</b> _____ <b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice Date:</b> _____ In the event your requested program date is full, please provide: <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice:</i> _____ <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Choice:</i> _____ Please let us know if you are climbing with someone (name): _____
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## B. Mountaineering Background and Related Activities

Please list your pertinent climbs (if any), past training and related activities.

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## C. Training and Conditioning Plan (see IMG's training suggestions: <http://www.mountainguides.com/rainier-training.shtml>)

Please describe the conditioning routine you plan to use to prepare yourself for this program.

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## IMG FORM 2: Participant Information (Page 2 of 2)

### D. Insurance Information:

International Mountain Guides strongly recommends purchasing travel and trip cancellation insurance. **Our fees are completely non-refundable and non-transferable once paid.** We recommend several plan options that are listed on our website here: <http://www.mountainguides.com/travel-insurance.shtml> . From there you can view trip-specific recommendations and get a quote by clicking on the links provided on that page.

**I have purchased/will purchase Travel and/or Trip Cancellation Insurance for this Trip:** [ ] Yes [ ] No

If already purchased, please list the provider and policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

### E. Meals on the Mountain:

If you are on a program on which some meals are provided by IMG, we will prepare dinner, breakfast & hot drinks while on the mountain (not applicable for 1 & 2-Day Schools). All program participants are responsible for providing their own **lunch/trail food** during the program, (see IMG's suggestions: <http://www.mountainguides.com/rainier-food.shtml> & on our FAQ page) and meals before & after the program. IMG is happy to accommodate most diet restrictions, allergies and food intolerances to the best of our ability, and can usually adjust the meal plan with advance notice. Individuals with carefully controlled or limited diets may need to provide their own food supplements or replacement diet. Please contact IMG to discuss your particular needs.

**Please list any dietary restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Accommodations:

#### 1. While You Are On the Mountain

While on the mountain, you will share tents with other participants (tents on mountain are included in the trip cost). If you are a single traveler, we will try to pair you with team member(s) of the same sex if available.

#### 2. Lodging Before & After Your Climb

You are responsible for your lodging before and after your climb. On many Rainier programs, you will need lodging for the first night after your team meeting/orientation on day 1, at your own expense. IMG offers a convenient and economical option with our onsite platform tents here at our headquarters. You can reserve a tent by checking one of the boxes below. (Please review details, policies and prices on the Tent Rentals page of our website (<http://www.mountainguides.com/img-abc.shtml>). IMG tents onsite are limited in number, and are not applicable for winter programs including the Denali Seminar or Winter Expedition Ascent).

#### **OPTIONAL: Reserve a pre/post climb platform tent for use while at IMG Headquarters:**

Select tent type below & indicate date(s) needed. Tent fees payable at check-in (no need to pay in advance).

Single occupancy (\$30/night + tax) for the following evenings(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Double occupancy (\$20/night + tax per person) for the following evenings(s): \_\_\_\_\_ share w/ \_\_\_\_\_

### G. IMG Marketing Question:

How did you hear about IMG? \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENT

**The information I have provided on IMG Form 2: Participant Information is true, complete and correct.**

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of minor print full name: \_\_\_\_\_

*If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.*



# IMG FORM 3: Participant Medical Information

**All fields are REQUIRED – Please print clearly**

Climbing and hiking at altitudes above 10,000 feet is extremely strenuous. In addition, medical care may not be immediately available in the backcountry. We do not want you to engage in any activity that would be detrimental to your health or which would be opposed by your doctor because of recent illness, injury, surgery, etc. If you have any questions regarding your participation in the expedition, please contact your doctor.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your health (use additional page if necessary)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have, or have you ever had the following:**

Conditions:	YES	NO	If YES, provide detailed explanation (use additional page if necessary)
Allergies			
Diabetes			
Epilepsy			
Asthma			
High blood pressure			
Heart disease			
Previous altitude problems			
Cerebral or pulmonary edema			
Frostbite			
Speech, vision, or hearing impairment			
Shoulder, back or knee problems			
Dislocations			
Other:	YES	NO	If YES, provide detailed explanation (use additional page if necessary)
Surgeries			
Medications			
Tobacco use			
Get cold easily			
Limitations on activities			
Other conditions that might affect health			

## AGREEMENT

The information I have provided on IMG Form 3: Participant Medical Information is true, complete and correct.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of minor print full name: \_\_\_\_\_

*If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.*

**IMG FORM 4: Acknowledgement of Risk and Contract****(Page 1 of 3)****IMPORTANT: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT**

Please read and understand this document before signing. If you have any questions please consult us and/or your attorney. Please review and sign with spouse (or parent if minor).

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN GUIDES, LLC. (hereinafter also referred to as "IMG") has taken care to assure that our Participants experience a rewarding mountaineering expedition. We wish to inform our Participants that mountaineering and foreign travel are not risk free. The same elements that contribute to the unique character and fun of exploring and climbing mountains, such as the physical exertion or outdoor living, can cause loss or damage to equipment, injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, paralysis, or death. We do not want to heighten or reduce your enthusiasm for the experience, but we do want you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of some of the possible risks. We ask that you read this acknowledgement of risk and contract, sign it, and return the original documents to our office.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK**

You, the Participant, need to understand that you are going to be entering an environment with significant hazard and risks, including those associated with living, camping, traveling out of doors, and traveling in foreign countries that may be politically unstable, worldwide dangers associated with the war on terrorism, and with the forces of nature. Below is a list of the possible hazards but not all of the hazards you may encounter.

Travel is by vehicle and on foot. Travel by foot is over rugged unpredictable trail and off-trail terrain, including boulder fields, downed timber, river crossings, high mountain passes, snow and ice, glaciers, steep slopes, and slippery rocks. Attendant risks include vehicle accidents, falling, drowning, and others usually associated with such travel, as well as environmental risks. Many times the risks associated with transportation can be as great as the mountaineering risk itself. You assume the risk of all travel arranged by yourself or by IMG.

Meals are prepared over stoves and sometimes-open fires. Water often requires disinfecting before use. Camping hazards may include burns, tent fires, carbon monoxide poisoning, cuts, diarrhea and flu-like illness.

Environmental risks include rapidly moving, deep or cold water, insects, snakes, and predators including large animals, falling and rolling rock, lightning, avalanches, flash floods, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather that may change to extreme conditions without notice. Additional risks are frostbite, high altitude illness, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions.

Climbing and Mountaineering are hazardous. The obvious accidents that occur in climbing are falling while climbing, whether you fall only a few feet, part way down the mountain, or all the way to the bottom. As you fall you may hit objects or the terrain in your path. If a rope stops your fall, the jolt from the rope may cause injury. Falling to the ground may cause serious injury from any height. In addition to the hazards of falling, falling objects may hit you. Rocks, ice, snow, climbing equipment and even people may fall and hit you as you are standing or while climbing.

Equipment may fail. The extreme conditions of the environment in which climbing and mountaineering equipment is used in conjunction with the damage caused by the environment can cause climbing equipment to fail. The rock or ice to which you are holding or to which you have placed protection may break, causing you to fall or causing your protection to pull out from the rock or ice. As you climb you may pull out protection from the rock or ice. You may experience injury from holding on to the rock or using equipment. You may also experience rope burns from handling the rope. There are many hazards associated with snow, ice, and glacier climbing. Ice climbing is a technical activity involving the use of technical equipment including ice axes and crampons. Ice axes must be used properly to be effective and to prevent injury to you or other people. Crampons have sharp points on the bottom and front of the boot. These points are dangerous to you and other people. Ice climbing involves cold, water, and steep terrain. Ice is constantly falling and can cause injury if you are hit. Other objects may fall and hit you due to thawing or being knocked down by the ice or other climbers.



## IMG FORM 4: Acknowledgement of Risk and Contract

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Avalanches are often a threat in the mountains. An avalanche is snow and ice that has released from the mountain and is moving down the mountainside. If you are trapped in an avalanche you can be injured or suffocated by the avalanche or trapped in the avalanche, which may kill you. The avalanche debris may force you into a collision with other immovable objects, which might injure or kill you or you may be forced into a crevasse or over a cliff.

Glacier travel is always dangerous. Crossing crevasses or walking over snow bridges covering a crevasse can lead to a fall into a crevasse. Falling into a crevasse can cause injuries due to the fall or objects hitting you during and after your fall. You may also be injured while stopping in the bottom or wedging into the sides. Once in a crevasse you will be subject to cold and hypothermia. Another aspect of glacier travel to be aware of is the danger from seracs, large blocks of ice or snow you may need to walk near or around. Many times while crossing glaciers or hiking in the mountains, you will be in an area where seracs or ice can fall, injuring or killing you.

You may trek and climb at altitude to which you will not be accustomed. Altitude sickness is the term used to describe the effects on a human body at altitudes higher than the person is accustomed to. Altitude sickness is usually associated with nausea, headaches and a loss of appetite. Altitude sickness can lead to conditions that may result in death. You must understand that the mountaineering expedition in which you are about to participate includes a high degree of risk of hypothermia. High Altitude Pulmonary Edema (HAPE) and High Altitude Cerebral Edema (HACE) occur when you are at altitudes and have not acclimated properly. HAPE and HACE can be fatal if not recognized and treated quickly. Hypothermia is the name for a medical condition where the core body temperature drops to a point that the body is unable to maintain and heat itself. Hypothermia can quickly result in death.

You may be hours or days from any medical facility. In an emergency the people treating you may not have the same standards as hospitals or doctor's offices in the United States. You will need to be vigilant in your normal daily habits such as eating, hand-washing and bodily functions in order to not introduce dangerous bacteria, virus and diseases into your system.

Decisions are made by the IMG staff and Participants on a high altitude expedition based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations, which by their nature are imprecise and subject to errors in judgment. Participant understands and agrees to abide by these decisions. **However, the Participant must exercise their own ability and thought in keeping safe and secure, and is solely liable for their safety and that absent direction from IMG it is his or her decision to travel, return home or descend at any time.** Throughout the trip, Participant is responsible for his or her own safety and for the safety of other members of their expedition. Participant agrees to adhere to all decisions made by the employees, contractors, guides, owners and members of IMG at all times. Participant understands that those decisions may be based on many factors, including the overall safety of the group. Participant understands and agrees to those decisions, which are in fact the way most professionally conducted high-altitude expeditions operate.

There is a high level of stress and anxiety while undertaking any mountaineering expedition. In addition you may encounter or see sights, which may disturb you. It is also possible that some participants will suffer mental anguish or trauma from the experience or their injuries.

This list is not an exclusive or exhaustive list of possible risks, injuries, trauma, or accidents that may occur while mountaineering. Most of these injuries are rare and you are not likely to encounter them, however they have occurred and you need to know about them, as well as other possible injuries not mentioned above. Some injuries occur more often when the participants are using illegal drugs or alcohol or are not physically able to undertake the expedition, so the use of illegal drugs or alcohol will not be permitted on the trip while engaged in climbing or mountaineering.

# IMG FORM 4: Acknowledgement of Risk and Contract

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## CONTRACT

I certify that my family, including minor children, spouse, representatives, heirs, assigns, subrogors and dependent parents, understands the risks of mountaineering and the legal consequences of this document. I am fully capable of participating in the mountaineering expedition. I state that I have read the above statement on some of the possible risks in trekking and mountaineering, and I voluntarily accept them. Therefore, I assume all risks in participating in this activity, including but not limited to those listed above, for myself and my family, including minor children, spouse and dependent parents, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and any expenses as a result of my negligence. I also understand that IMG reserves the right to refuse continued participation in the expedition to any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participation. I am in good physical condition and able to undertake this expedition.

I hereby authorize any medical treatment or rescue deemed to be necessary. I hereby give permission for transportation to any medical facility or hospital and I authorize for any qualified guide or medical personnel to render necessary emergency medical care for my family or myself. I hereby authorize the release of any medical information in the possession of IMG to any medical facility, hospital, ambulance, first aid provider, first aid service, doctor, nurse or other such person rendering care on my behalf. I hereby waive any action or claim against IMG or any health care provider, hospital, doctor, nurse or first aid provider for the release of this medical information.

I agree that Washington law shall be applied in any legal action involving the interpretation, validity and/or enforceability of this agreement or any disagreement or legal action between the parties, and that any legal action, lawsuits or arbitration resulting from my participation in this activity shall be brought only in Pierce County, Washington.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any part of this agreement unenforceable, the remaining parts or paragraphs shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this release can be used as if it were an original. The terms of this agreement shall continue and be in effect after the expedition.

## AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (**Participant print full name**), of my own free will, for my family, minor children, spouse, dependent parents, my heirs and executors, assigns and myself, have had a full opportunity to review this document and I have read, understand, accept and acknowledge the risks and liability for myself and my family.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**We DO NOT accept signatures in an electronic format (i.e. inserting an electronic signature into a PDF document). An original autograph must be on each signature line.**

**Signature of Participant's Spouse: (REQUIRED):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, Parent must also sign: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of minor print full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If the Parent is divorced, by signing this agreement, signing Parent acknowledges that they have the legal right to sign on behalf of the minor child.*