

Heartland

CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

PARTICIPANT and VOLUNTEER WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, and MEDIA RELEASE

I am aware that **participating** in Heartland Conservation Alliance events and/or working as a **volunteer** is a potentially dangerous activity. I warrant that I have no physical or psychological medical conditions that would create risk(s) for myself or others in connection with my participation. The activities I participate in and/or volunteer work I may perform will take place in a natural environment with inherent dangers that include, but aren't limited to, exposure to noxious plants, such as poison ivy, snake or insect bites, falls due to uneven ground, stumps, roots, loose footing, etc., and the effects of weather conditions, including high heat and/or humidity, sun, cold, wind, snow, rain or ice. Volunteer activities may also include risks associated with using hand tools (e.g., loppers), operating small equipment, and/or using toxic chemicals (e.g., herbicides). In the event my participation and/or volunteer activities take place through the use of an automobile or other motorized vehicle or in an office or other setting I understand that there are certain additional and different risks that arise in such atmospheres and this waiver and assumption of risk is intended by me to include any and all such risks. Therefore, I assume any and all risks directly or indirectly associated with participating in events and/or working as a volunteer. I understand that I am solely responsible for my own safety both on the premises and in traveling to and from event locations and/or volunteer work sites.

Being aware of the above facts, and in consideration of being allowed to contribute to the designated outdoor activities (e.g., guided nature experiences, habitat restoration efforts, trash clean ups, etc.) as a participant and/or volunteer for Heartland Conservation Alliance, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and do release, waive, and discharge Heartland Conservation Alliance, Kansas City Parks and Recreation, Jackson County Parks + Rec, and all other Heartland Conservation Alliance members/partners including the Land Manager of the site(s) events and work takes place on, and their representatives, employees, officers, directors, successors or assigns, from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, my participation as an event attendee, volunteer, or otherwise. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness while participating in activities and/or serving as a volunteer.

Additionally, I understand that **media** (e.g., photos, videos, etc.) may be taken during the event I am participating in, and I hereby grant Heartland Conservation Alliance and Partners the right to use and publish media of me, or in which I may be included, without compensation, for editorial, trade, promotional, and any other purpose and in any manner and medium and to copyright the same. I hereby release Heartland Conservation Alliance from all claims and liability relating to said media.

This Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risks extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown.

Participant/Volunteer Printed Name Participant/Volunteer Signature Date

If the participant/volunteer is under the age of 18 or is an adult under legal guardianship, then a parent or legal guardian must also sign.

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Printed Name Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature Date

Emergency Contact Name Relationship to Participant/Volunteer Phone number