

University of Tennessee Health Science Center Outdoor Adventures

Bouldering Wall Facility Rules and Safety Policies Agreement

I _____ (Participant's First Name, Last Name) accept full responsibility for my own safety while in the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Bouldering Wall. I agree to abide by, and help enforce, the following Bouldering Wall safety policies and rules:

1. The Fitness Center must be open and staffed when any participants are using the UTHSC Bouldering Wall or climbing area.
2. All climbers must sign in with the Front Desk staff prior to entering the climbing area.
3. The following UTHSC Bouldering Wall procedures must be followed:
 - a. Only climbing shoes or athletic shoes will be permitted on climbing surfaces. No bare feet or socks. Climbing shoes are available for check out at the Front Desk.
 - b. Climbing is only permitted on the constructed climbing wall surfaces below the top edge and chalked line. Climbing is NOT permitted above the twelve foot high chalked line or twelve foot climbing face. Participants climbing in prohibited areas will be immediately dismissed from the climbing area and will have to meet with the Coordinator of Outdoor Adventures prior to returning.
 - c. Climbers may not bring external hardware such as anchors, bolts, wrenches, or handholds to the Bouldering Wall.
 - d. Climbers are never to grab the top anchors.
 - e. Jewelry should be removed, long hair should be tied back, and loose clothing should be avoided.
4. Bouldering is only allowed over padded areas. No bouldering is permitted below other climbers. It is strongly recommended to have a spotter when bouldering.
5. All accidents or equipment damage must be reported immediately to the Front Desk staff.
6. Only Bouldering Wall staff or an approved designee may move handholds.
7. Helmets are recommended. Helmets are available for check out at the Front Desk.
8. All participants must have completed an UTHSC Outdoor Adventures Release of Liability form.
9. No food or beverage (except bottled water) is allowed in the climbing area; no glass bottles are permitted.
10. The facility and Campus Recreation staff is not responsible for personal items.
11. Use of the facility is not allowed while under the influence of intoxicating substances.
12. The use of vulgar language or improper conduct will result in loss of climbing privileges.
13. Campus Recreation reserves the right to suspend any individual permanently, or for a specified period of time, for failure to comply with the above safety policies and rules, or for any conduct that is viewed by the staff as unsafe or inappropriate.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the UTHSC Bouldering Wall safety policies and rules.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

(If under the age of 18)

University of Tennessee Health Science Center Outdoor Adventures Release of Liability

Activity or Trip: Indoor Rock Climbing

Participant Information:

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

UTHSC Affiliation: Student Faculty Staff Dependent/ Spouse Community

Student / Personnel Number: _____ or None

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Address: _____

Release and Assumption of Risk

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that participation in any of the UTHSC Outdoor Adventures programs or activities at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is purely voluntary and is not part of the academic curriculum of the university. In consideration of the university making equipment and /or facilities available to the UTHSC Outdoor Adventures and/or the undersigned while participating in any such activities, the undersigned hereby releases the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, its successors, assigns, Trustees, officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever, in any way growing out of or resulting from the undersigned's participation in the activities of the organization.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she understands that many of the activities of UTHSC Outdoor Adventures involve substantial risk of bodily injury, property damage and other dangers associated with participation. These dangers may include but are not limited to the following:

Sustaining a head injury or other serious physical injury or death; acts of nature; varying weather conditions such as severe heat or cold; changing water levels or current; sub-merged or partially exposed objects; rock falls; twisting an ankle; breaking a bone; drowning; foot entrapments; falls; bad decision-making; inattentive spotters and belayers; equipment failure; and holds that have become loose or damaged by other climbers.

It is expressly understood by the undersigned that he/she is solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through participation in normal or unusual activities of UTHSC Outdoor Adventures.

If the undersigned is a minor, then the signature of the parent or guardian appearing in the space indicated below signifies acceptance by said parent or guardian that the terms and conditions hereof shall be binding upon them and shall constitute a release by them of any and all claims, demands and causes whatsoever which they or any of them may have against the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, its successors, Trustees, officers, agents or employees as a result of the undersigned's participation in the activities described.

I have carefully read and understand completely the above provisions and agree to be bound thereby.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If under the age of 18)