

# BIG ROCK ADVENTURE – CANDY MOUNTAIN RESORT

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Welcome to CLAS Big Rock! Enclosed is a waiver and some suggestions for preparation as you look forward to your CLAS adventure! Everyone should fill out a waiver form, even if they are not planning to participate. Have the waivers signed and turn in upon arrival at the course. Please make as many copies as needed. You do not need to be an athletic person to have a great experience! However, a good night's rest, a healthy meal, and some stretching will help.

## **Attire!**

- **Ropes Course** - Dress in comfortable, non-restricting clothing. Long pants are recommended. You will find that loose fitting pants, high necked t shirts, and tennis shoes are the best attire for fun on the ropes course. (No open toed or open heeled shoes please) Jewelry is not recommended. Bring extra clothing appropriate for the weather.
- **Whitewater** - Dress to get wet! No flipflops. Water shoes or sandals with back straps are recommended. Hats and sunglasses are acceptable but wear at your own risk.

**What to Bring?** Cameras, rain gear, sunscreen, and insect repellent are suggested. We have a drinking fountain and two public restrooms for participant use. We provide all the climbing equipment needed, so encourage participants to leave their personal climbing gear at home.

**Directions!** We are conveniently located on Historic Highway 89, just off Interstate 70, on the border between Sevier and Piute Counties. Take Interstate 70 to Exit #23 for Highway 89 (Marysville, Panguitch, Bryce Canyon) and head south on Highway 89 for about 7 miles until you come to Big Rock Candy Mountain Resort.

**Time!** Please be here on time. Our staff members are scheduled only for the time you are. If you are late, we cannot extend your time.

## **Reservation – Deposit – Cancellation Policies**

- A 25% non-refundable deposit is required to secure your reservation.
- At least 10 days prior to your event you must declare the number of participants. This declaration of attendance is necessary to schedule staff and schedule the day's events.
- If more participants come than previously reserved for, the invoice will be adjusted, and final payment can be made the day of the event.
- If you schedule an event within one week of the activity, the numbers are final and you will be charged for the reserved number plus any additional participants.
- You may reschedule your event up to 30 days prior your event with no penalty. Rescheduling within 29 days prior your event will cost the 25% deposit. The reason you will lose your deposit is that we may end up with an empty day because we told other groups they could not come because you had it reserved.
- Ropes course programs run rain or shine unless inclement weather (lightning, strong winds) become a safety concern. A light to moderate rain is seen as merely another challenge to overcome on the course, rather than a hindrance. Participants will be notified of cancellation or rescheduling. If CLAS Ropes cancels the reservation we will issue 100% refund. No refunds will be issued for no shows.
- We will run whitewater trips if daily river flows exceed 190 CFS. We have no control over daily river flows. If there is not sufficient flow, a substitute adventure package of greater value or refund will be issued.

## **Mission**

Our mission is to improve personal effectiveness and group dynamics through comprehensive experiential challenges.

CLAS Big Rock is a unique series of team building exercises nestled in a park setting along the Sevier River. Through hands-on challenges and experiences your team will internalize concepts like problem-solving, leadership, communication, conflict resolution, group cooperation, trust, teamwork and self-confidence. Following each activity, group discussion generates analogies to life topics, helping to increase understanding and strengthen character.

Our aim is to allow the participants to view themselves as increasingly capable and competent. By attempting a graduated series of activities which involve physical or emotional risk and succeeding (or sometimes failing) in a supportive group atmosphere, an individual may gain confidence in himself/herself and others.

Each activity is based on the assumption that anyone who conscientiously tries will be successful. Success is in making an effort. A cooperative, supportive atmosphere tends to encourage participation. The use of teams, points, and timed competition has consciously been minimized to allow participants to succeed without fear of failure.

## **Safety**

*Ropes courses are very safe.* Extreme caution is taken to ensure safe involvement. Every system has a backup system and redundancies that support the participant. All high ropes activities require the participant to be harnessed wearing a helmet and attached to a safety line. Participating in a ropes course is normally safer than driving your car or playing soccer. Here are some interesting statistics:

| Activity (20 year study) | Accident Rate/Million |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Soccer                   | 4,500                 |
| Automobile Driving       | 60                    |
| PE Classes               | 9.6                   |
| Ropes Courses            | 4.3                   |

*Project Adventure, Safety Manual, 1991.*

We require all safety gear to be up to standards for whitewater rafting and the lazy river float, including whitewater PFD's, paddles, and rafts. Our guides are trained and certified by the state of Utah. We are a licensed outfitter with the state.

The liability forms you sign are required by legal entities and insurance companies. You sign similar forms when you rent recreational equipment or when you go to a climbing gym. Don't be scared by the language used to inform participants about all conceivable risks.

## PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK-WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

PARTICIPANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

### COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH

I recognize that CLAS Big Rock LLC., (hereinafter referred to as CLAS) CLAS, will operate under covenant of good faith and fair dealing, but may find it necessary to terminate an activity due to forces of nature, medical necessities or other problems; and/or refuse or terminate, the participation of any person CLAS judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of participating in the activity. CLAS is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property of the participant. Furthermore, any participant breaking any law or safety warning provided by CLAS will forfeit any remaining activity time. CLAS will not provide any refunds for reduced activity time. Furthermore, "CLAS" employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction

### Photography/Videography Release

Participant hereby grants to the Host, its representatives, and employees the right to take **photographs and video of Participant** in connection with Participant's participation in the Programs. Participant hereby authorizes the Host to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically. Participant hereby agrees that the Host may use such photographs and video of Participant for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

### WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I voluntarily make and grant this Waiver and Assumption of Risk in favor of CLAS as consideration for the opportunity to use the facilities, equipment, materials, and/or other assets of CLAS; and/or to engage in the activities, events, sports, festivities, and/or gatherings sponsored by CLAS. I do hereby waive and release any and all claims whether in contract or of personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, damages, losses, and/or death that may arise from my aforementioned use or receipt, as I understand and recognize that there are certain risks, dangers, and perils connected with such use and/or receipt, which I hereby acknowledge have been fully explained to me and which I fully understand, and which I nevertheless accept, assume, and undertake after inquiry and investigation of extent, duration, and completeness wholly satisfactory and acceptable to me.

I further agree to use my best judgment in undertaking these activities, use, and/or receipt and to adhere to all safety instructions and recommendations, whether oral or written. I hereby certify that I am a competent adult assuming these risks of my own free will on behalf of myself and/or my children. This Waiver and Assumption of Risk is effective on date signed, and/or for dates in the future if multiple day activities are participated in, and may not be revoked, altered, amended, rescinded, or voided without the express prior written consent of CLAS.

In consideration of CLAS furnishing services and/or equipment to enable me to participate in the High Ropes Course/Zipline/Rock Climbing Wall/Whitewater Rafting/Kayaking/Float Trips/Mountain Bikes/Hiking/Team Building/Paintball and any other activity in which I am participating, and allowing me the use of part of the CLAS facility and adjacent property, I agree to all the terms and conditions contained in this entire document.

**Safety Pledge:** I agree that I will participate in a safety briefing before participating in any activity that will be given by an CLAS employee covering the CLAS safety rules and fully understand that by signing below, I agree to abide strictly by these rules. I also agree to correctly wear my helmet, harness, life jacket, or any other safety gear provided, at all times while on the designated climbing area, ropes course, Zipline, trail, river, or in or on any area while participating in the activity. I will remove them only when instructed by an CLAS trained employee that it is safe to remove them. **I also agree not to be under the influence of alcohol or under the influence of any drug that can affect my judgment, perception, or physical movement while participating in any and all activities.**

Although CLAS has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so that I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, CLAS has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. CLAS does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed for the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks:

**RIVER TRIPS/RAFTING:** Participation may result in all manner of injury/illness resulting from bumps/jarring/coming into contact with other participants and/or equipment, or from items in the area such as obstacles, tree limbs and branches, rocks and other debris. Major injuries are a risk as are bruises and sprains. Participants can fall out of the raft/kayak/boat which may result in any of the injuries described on this page. Drowning, broken bones, snake bites, scorpion bites, bee stings and other injuries or illness resulting from unanticipated risks are possible.

**ROPES COURSE/ZIPLINES/CLIMBING WALL:** Participation may result in all manner of injury/illness resulting from falling off the climbing wall, mountain faces, or ropes course or hitting rock faces and projections whether permanently or temporarily in place or on the floor. Participation may result in: 1) Rope abrasion, entanglement and other injuries resulting from activities on or near the rock climbing wall, Zipline, Rappelling, or ropes course such as, but not limited to, climbing, belaying, lowering on rope, and any other rope techniques; 2) injuries resulting from fallen climbers, other participants, or dropped items, such as, but not limited to, ropes, climbing hardware, and dropped or broken holds, paintball equipment; 3) cuts and abrasions resulting from skin contact with the climbing wall, ropes course, or Zipline; 4) . Participation may result in injuries including broken bones, sprains, bruises, and more serious injuries including paralysis or death, eye injuries, and other unforeseeable incidents. Failure of ropes, slings, bolts, chains, climbing hardware, anchor points, or any part of the climbing wall structure, ropes course structure, paintball field, or Zipline structure can occur.

**I fully understand and acknowledge that:**

1. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.
2. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless CLAS from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of CLAS's equipment or facilities, **including any such claim which allege negligent acts or omissions of "CLAS"**.
3. I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs, hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify CLAS and its owners, agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise from my activity at the CLAS facility whether caused or contributed to, in whole or in part, by the negligence of CLAS, its Agents, employees, officers or representatives. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claim or cause of action that I may have presently or in the future against CLAS, its agents, employees, officers or representatives arising from my activity at the CLAS facilities and adjacent properties.
4. I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different than other activities and that **I have responsibilities as a participant**. I acknowledge that the staff of CLAS has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.
5. I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of these inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified and as a result of my negligence in participation in this activity.
6. Should CLAS or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
7. I certify I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.
8. In the event I file a lawsuit against CLAS, I agree to do so solely in the state of Utah, and I further agree that the substantive law of Utah shall apply that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against CLAS on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Participant Printed Name

Participant Signature

Date

**Must complete below section for participants under the age of 18.**

The undersigned parent or guardian has read the above Waiver, agrees to its terms and hereby gives permission for the above named minor to participate in the activities at CLAS Big Rock LLC. and hereby gives CLAS permission to authorize medical treatment as may be deemed necessary for the child named above while participating in any CLAS Big Rock LLC. activities.

**Signature of PARENT/GUARDIAN**

