

**2018 Winter Adventure Weekend (WAW)
WILD CAVING AGREEMENT
January 25-28, 2018**

To help prevent the spread of White Nose Syndrome, a disease that is killing bats across the Eastern and into the Midwest United States, the follow are mandatory guidelines and procedures for wild cave trip participants. WNS was found in bat populations in some caves at Carter Caves State Resort Park in February of 2013. Now that is found locally it is critical to adhere to the decontamination guidelines following cave trips. Because of the seriousness of WNS, all wild cave participants are required to follow these guidelines.

- Participants are not permitted to bring any clothing or gear (e.g. kneepads, helmets, coveralls) that has been in another cave or mine outside of the Carter Caves Region since 2006 unless it has been decontaminated according to the National White Nose Syndrome Decontamination Guidelines.
- **Participants going on multiple wild cave trips during the weekend must have complete different sets of soft gear for each wild cave trip. Soft gear includes your outer layer of clothing or coveralls, kneepads, gloves & cave pack. You will decontaminate your hard gear after the cave trip (which includes helmets, boots & lights) which you can use on different wild cave trips.**
- All cave trip participants must review and abide by the **National White-Nose Syndrome Decontamination Protocol - Version 04.12.2016**, which is attached hereto (or separately uploaded online) and made a part of this agreement. By signing this document, you agree to all requirements of the decontamination protocol.
- Participants must wear coveralls or an outer layer of clothing that can be removed and bagged after leaving your cave trip for the weekend. Bags will be provided by CCSRP
- Participants will also bag any other soft gear like knee or elbow pads, cave packs etc.
- Participants must not take the clothing or gear into another cave or mine outside of the Carter Caves Region without decontaminating the clothing and gear using the **National White-Nose Syndrome Decontamination Protocol** outlined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Resources.
- Participants must also decontaminate shoes & hard gear (helmets, lights) following the cave trip.
- Guides will remove you from the trip if you do not follow these guidelines! You will not receive a refund if you are removed from a trip because you did not follow the wild caving and decontamination procedures.

YOU MUST PRINT & SIGN YOUR NAME BELOW & HAVE SOMEONE WITNESS THE SIGNATURE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN WILD CAVE TRIPS DURING WAW 2017.

MINORS MUST HAVE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE!

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ADULT CAVER/SPELUNKER PRINT NAME ADULT CAVER/SPELUNKER'S SIGNATURE

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN
OF THE MINOR - IF NOT ACCOMPANYING MINOR**

WITNESS

DATE

PHONE

ADDRESS

Name(s) of minors covered by the above agreement (Please Print Neatly)

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