

RU Outdoors Non-proliferation of Caves Agreement

To further the conservation and non-proliferation of caves I will not return to caves that I have been to with RU Outdoors. By returning to the cave without RU Outdoors or another competent, responsible caving group, I endanger myself, access to the cave for future cavers, and the cave environment. I realize that caves are unique, sensitive, and dangerous environments. It is with these factors in mind that I pledge not to return to the cave unless it is with a competent, responsible caving group.

Cave Name: _____

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____



Title 18, The Cave Protection Act Section 18.2-142:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, without the prior permission of the owner, to willfully and knowingly, break off, crack, carve upon, write or otherwise mark upon, or in any manner destroy, mutilate, injure, deface, mar or harm any natural material found within any cave or cavern, such as stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, anthodites, gypsum flowers or needles, flowstone, draperies, columns, or other similar crystalline mineral formations or otherwise; to kill, harm or disturb plant or animal life found therein; to discard litter or refuse therein, or; otherwise disturb or alter the natural condition of such cave or cavern; or break, force tamper with, remove, or otherwise disturb a lock, gate, door or other structure or obstruction designed to prevent entrance to a cave or cavern, without the permission of the owner thereof, whether or not entrance is gained.

(b) Any violation of this section shall be punished as a Class 1- Misdemeanor: a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or confinement in jail not exceeding 12 months, either or both.