

**Archbold Biological Station, MacArthur Agro-ecology Research Center, Archbold Expeditions, Inc.  
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**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

FOR ALL VISITING RESEARCHERS, STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND VISITORS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print child's name), (referred to as "visitor") and  
we \_\_\_\_\_ (print parent/guardian name if applicable), (together  
referred to as "visitor"), in order to induce Archbold Biological Station, the MacArthur Agro-ecology Research Center,  
and Archbold Expeditions, Inc. (a.k.a. Archbold Expeditions) its trustees, officers, agents, scientists, staff and any  
other affiliated or associated parties (together referred to as "Archbold") to allow the visitor access to its premises, and to  
permit the visitor to participate in its programs, in consideration thereof, agree as follows:

- Visitor understands that Archbold is a biological field station, including a working cattle ranch, designed to study specific natural and agricultural habitats with all of the accompanying risks. Archbold is not an amusement park, botanical garden, or controlled animal park.
- Visitor fully understands that activities at Archbold are inherently hazardous and involve risks of personal injury or illness, including, but not limited to, risks associated with: (1) being outdoors in wildland terrain and waterbodies; (2) potentially dangerous wild plants; (3) potentially dangerous wild animals and farm animals; (4) ecological and agricultural field research; (5) land management practices and agricultural operations; (6) potential exposure to agrochemicals and other herbicides/pesticides; (7) prevailing and extreme weather conditions; (8) prescribed burns, wildfires, and other outdoor conditions; (9) travel by private and Archbold vehicles including all-terrain vehicles, boats and canoes; (10) indoor laboratory conditions; (11) sports and other recreational activities; and (12) accidents or illness in a remote rural area without "on-site" medical facilities. In light of this understanding, visitor hereby acknowledges full responsibility for and assumption of risk of any and all harm of any nature whatsoever that comes to the visitor as a result of having access to Archbold premises or participating in its programs.
- Visitor acknowledges that no representations have been made that entering the premises of Archbold or participating in Archbold's programs or activities will be safe, but that Archbold has expressly represented herein that entering the premises and participating in its programs and activities involves risk, which the visitor assumes as a condition of their involvement with Archbold.
- Visitor further understands and agrees that Archbold assumes no responsibility for personal property of visitor. Such property is stored on Archbold premises at the sole risk of visitor.
- Visitor (for him/herself and for their heirs, representatives, successors, assigns and dependents) hereby: (a) releases and discharges Archbold from any and all responsibility for or liability to visitor, which may be caused by the negligence, or otherwise, of Archbold; (b) releases and discharges Archbold from all actions, claims, demands, expenses, attorney's fees, compensation, and all consequential or other damages that may accrue for any injury, death, or property damage as a result of, or in connection with, visitor's access to the premises or participation in the programs of Archbold; (c) agrees that they shall have no right of action against Archbold for negligence, or otherwise, and shall not bring an action, make a claim against, sue, attach the property of, or prosecute Archbold for any injury, death, or property damage accruing as a result of, or in connection with, visitor's access to the premises and participation in the activities of Archbold; (d) agrees to indemnify and hold Archbold harmless against all claims, damages, and causes of action from any injuries to the person and property of visitor, including attorney's fees and all costs in defending against such claims and causes of action made by or on behalf of visitor for negligence, or otherwise. The term "negligence" as used in the Release of Liability shall include all degrees of negligence. This Release of Liability is intended to be, and shall be construed as, a complete and general release of liability by visitor of Archbold.

**The person signing this release as parent/guardian on behalf of a minor agrees that this Release of Liability is being signed and delivered to Archbold both individually by the undersigned and as the parent/guardian of the minor.**

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*Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18 years old)      Date*

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*Print Parent/Guardian Name*

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*Parent/Guardian Address*



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