



Blueprint Earth: Mission Mojave

## **Volunteer Travel Authorization, Medical Information, Liability Release, and Field Work Policy Statement for all volunteers participating in Blueprint Earth field work**

Name:
Address:
Phone:

### **Field Dates and Location**

December 2019 – May 2020, locations in and around the Mojave National Preserve near Baker, CA. We will be camping about 30 minutes from Kelbaker Rd.

### **Medical Information**

In the space below, list any medicines that you are allergic to, any medications you are currently taking, and any special health needs and conditions, such as severe allergies, asthma, medical braces, migraines, etc.

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### **Insurance Information**

I have medical insurance. \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Insurer ID #	Group #
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If "NO", please supply your date of birth

DOB:
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## Blueprint Earth: Mission Mojave Liability Release and Indemnification

I, the above-named volunteer, am eighteen years of age or older and have voluntarily applied to participate in the Activities or Trips listed above. I acknowledge that the nature of the Activities or Trips may expose me to hazards or risks that may result in my illness, personal injury or death and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks. In consideration of my participation in the Activities or Trips, I hereby accept all risk to my health and of my injury or death that may result from such participation and I hereby release Blueprint Earth, its governing board, officers, employees and representatives from any and all liability to me, my personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illness or injury to my person, including my death, that may result from or occur during my participation in the Activities or Trips, whether caused by negligence of Blueprint Earth, its governing board, officers, employees, or representatives, or otherwise. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Blueprint Earth and its governing board, officers, employees, and representatives from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from my negligence or intentional act or omission while participating in the described Activities or Trips.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR MY INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO INDEMNIFY THE PARTIES NAMED FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION.

In case of accident, injury, or illness, I hereby authorize you to arrange for emergency medical care and to notify the person named below.

Name:
Address:
Phone:

**I accept the terms of this agreement.**

Your signature:
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## Field Work Policies

Blueprint Earth conducts numerous field research activities. Because volunteers are exposed to a variety of situations and experiences that are different from those found in traditional office work environments, special rules of conduct are necessary.

Traveling and field work involves hazards and risks, so each person must exercise care to avoid personal injury to others. Examples of dangers specific to field work are the use of geologic picks, poisonous snakes, insect bites, toxic plants, falling, and slippery rocks encountered when hiking on steep slopes or crossing streams. Other dangers, as well as damage to property, may be created by carelessness.

Blueprint Earth has access to certain private properties and use of private facilities whose future availability will depend upon proper consideration for these resources by everyone. Volunteers who abuse Blueprint Earth or personal property during field work, or who jeopardize the health and safety of other people, will be required to leave the field area immediately.

Blueprint Earth has the following rules and recommendations which apply to field activities.

1. **Liability and Waiver.** Blueprint Earth requires all volunteers to sign a liability release form (this form). This form must be signed and returned before a volunteer can participate in field activities.
2. **Medical Care.** A medical form must be filled out by all volunteers. Any volunteer who has medical problems (e.g., asthma, diabetes, metabolic disorders, allergies, trick knees) should inform Blueprint Earth prior to field work commencement. Medical information provided will be kept in confidence unless an emergency demands disclosure to qualified medical professionals. If you require special medications, it is your responsibility to ensure that they are available when needed.

**Field activities are in very remote areas, and immediate medical assistance is not possible.**

3. **Clothing and protective cover.** Wear suitable clothes. Blueprint Earth recommends wearing a hat, long pants, and good hiking boots. These help prevent sunstroke, insect bites, and potential for harm created by cacti or thorny shrubs. Blueprint Earth also advises bringing insect repellent, and we also suggest the use of sunscreen. Temperatures can fluctuate greatly in the desert, so bring adequate clothing for both day and night time.

5. **General field hazards.** Insects, poisonous snakes, and toxic plants may be found throughout the field areas. Wearing suitable clothing and boots helps reduce these hazards. Remember to check shoes and boots for animal life prior to putting them on. Watch for, don't play with, and avoid snakes. If you are allergic to such things as bee stings, you must bring appropriate

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medication. Stay out of water if you can't swim; stay out of thunderstorms, and out of flashflood-prone areas in any rain. Our field areas have inclines, and if you are uncomfortable climbing them please advise Blueprint Earth staff; use common sense and follow your instructor's advice in such areas.

6. Head and eye protection. Blueprint Earth requires eye protection when using, or around someone using, a geologic pick, hammer, or other tools. Safety glasses will be made available to volunteers involved in activities requiring them.

7. Firearms. Possession of firearms or facsimiles at any time during any field course or field trip is forbidden.

8. Drugs and alcohol. Use or possession of illegal drugs at any time is forbidden. Alcoholic beverages may NOT be consumed at any time while traveling in vehicles or while in the field research areas. The Alcohol policy of the Desert Studies Center must be adhered to while on Center property.

9. Equipment. Take care of Blueprint Earth and donated property. Treat all field equipment as you would your own property. Special care must be taken when using equipment borrowed or donated from outside organizations.

I have read and agree to follow the Field Work Policies for volunteer field activities.

Your signature:
Date:

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