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Trail Ready Program Rules

Attendance & Certification Requirement

Attendance for the full scheduled Trail Ready certification session is required. Participants must complete the full training day and actively participate in all required instruction and field exercises to be eligible for certification.

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1. Attendance vs. Certification

- A PIN confirms attendance and effort in a team setting.
- Certification requires active participation, engagement, and acknowledgment of the 10 Pillars of Hiking.

2. Respect & Conduct

- Respect all participants, leaders, and the trail environment.
- Disrespectful behavior, harassment, or disregard for group safety will not be tolerated.

3. Engagement Requirement

- Participants must contribute during prescribed stops (discussion, practice, or demonstration).

- Passive observation without participation does not meet certification standards.

4. **Gear & Readiness**

- Required gear must be brought to each hike as specified in the program outline.
- Failure to arrive prepared may result in removal from the hike.

5. **Safety First**

- Participants must follow Trail Ready safety protocols and leader instructions at all times.
- Ignoring safety directives endangers the group and will result in immediate dismissal.

6. **Teamwork & Communication**

- Hikers are expected to maintain group awareness: look ahead, look behind, and support one another.
- Communication devices (e.g., walkie-talkies, whistles) must be used as instructed.

7. **Leave No Trace**

- Participants must follow the Leave No Trace principles. Littering, damaging the environment, or ignoring trail etiquette will not be accepted.

8. **Session Training and Testing Phase**

- The certification session includes instruction, field practice, and skills application in one structured training day.
- Participants are expected to demonstrate engagement, awareness, and working knowledge of the core Trail Ready principles.

9. **Certification Standard**

- Certification is granted only upon completion of all program requirements, demonstration of the 10 Pillars, and active participation throughout.

10. Binding Acknowledgment

- By enrolling in the Trail Ready Program, participants agree to follow all program rules and standards.
- Failure to comply with these rules may result in removal from the program and loss of eligibility for certification.
- Program fees are non-refundable in cases of dismissal or ineligibility.
- Certification is awarded only upon meeting all program requirements and at the sole discretion of the Program Director.

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Authorized by the Program Director
Paul Thomas
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