

## **PARTICIPANT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of the services of **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP GROUP**, their organizers, hosts, members, officers, and all other persons or entities associated with this MEETUP GROUP (hereinafter collectively referred to as "**BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP**") I agree as follows:

Although **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP** has taken reasonable steps to provide me with information so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP** has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP GROUP** does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

Camping, hiking, photographing in rugged country; Encounters with wildlife, animals, and insects; The propensity of wild animals to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons around them; The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to the injury of another participant or others. I may encounter variations in terrain that are my responsibility and I assume these risks including creeks, water, bridges, traveled roads, trails, granite steps, cables, wild things, stumps, roots, forest growth, debris, snow and ice, rocks and cliffs, and other obstacles whether they are obvious or not obvious, man-made or natural; Temperature extremes; Inclement weather conditions and the unavailability of immediate medical attention in the wilderness in case of injury; Certain hazards such as surface and sub-surface conditions.

I am aware that **participating in the event hosted by the BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP** entails risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge different than other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the organizers, hosts, and members of **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP** has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity. I understand that completion of any activity is not guaranteed by **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP**. **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP** also reserves the right to discontinue my participation in any activity with concerns for my safety at any time.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. I believe I am in good physical condition and have the degree of skill and knowledge necessary for me to safely engage in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of participating in this activity.

As a participant of this event, I hereby RELEASE and DISCHARGE the **BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP'S** owners, principals, affiliates, presenters, organizers, hosts, members, and participants from any and all liability, claims, demands or causes of action that I now have, or may have in the future, for injuries, damages, death and/or economic loss of any kind or nature, arising in whole or in part from the activities that I participated in, or from the advice or information provided was provided to me. I further agree that if I or someone under my supervision uses or used the information on the BAY AREA NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP website, I assume all risks of injury, damage, and economic loss, without limitation, and release the providers from all liability therefore.

I have carefully read, clearly understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and for all members of my family, including minor children.

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Print Name

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Signature and Date