

Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC Safe Caving Contract

Updated: 3/3/2026 by Jenna Crabtree and Mike Mansur

	Please read through and initial next to each statement that you agree with. The Safe Caving Contract is an integral document to becoming a member of the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC and outlines many of our expectations and guidelines for safe caving. You are subject to removal from the project for infractions committed after signing this document.
_____	I understand that dropping a trip within 48 hours of departure will result in missing the next three calendar trips that the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC offers. I understand that there will be exceptions made by Mike Mansur, Jenna Crabtree or Jakob Denton on a case by case basis. These exceptions include but are not limited to: death of family member or close friend, unavoidable illness, automotive issues, etc.
_____	I understand that dropping a trip within 48 hours of departure twice within a year will result in forfeiture of participation for the next calendar year. I understand that there will be exceptions made by Mike Mansur, Jenna Crabtree or Jakob Denton on a case by case basis. These exceptions include but are not limited to: death of family member or close friend, unavoidable illness, automotive issues, etc.
_____	I understand that during the trips, Trip Leaders are in charge. I will follow all instructions given by Trip Leaders to the best of my abilities and communicate if I do not understand instructions.
_____	1. I understand that caving is recognized as an extreme sport. I understand that similar to professional athletes I must also prepare my body and mind for caving.
_____	2. I will never enter a cave under the influence of any substances other than what has been medically prescribed to me.
_____	3. I will communicate with my trip leader if I feel unwell before entering the cave and choose to excuse myself from the trip.
_____	4. I will communicate with my trip leader and those around me if I ever feel like I cannot continue on while inside of a cave.
_____	5. I will monitor my physical fitness levels and excuse myself from a cave if I feel that I cannot physically complete the trip.
_____	6. I will bring any medication that is prescribed to me that is taken on less than a 24 hour basis with me into the cave in a waterproof bag or container.

	7. I will excuse myself from a trip if I ever feel that I am mentally not in the right head space to be caving.
	8. I understand that I will never be penalized for listening to my body and communicating with others.
	I understand that caving is a team sport.
	1. I will never enter a cave alone or without having a surface watch.
	2. I will never leave the group while in a cave to explore alone. I understand if I do so the Trip Leader will remove everyone from the cave and the trip will be terminated.
	3. I will always keep in clear vision the headlamp in front of and behind me. If the group is moving too fast I will communicate this to the person in front of me.
	4. I understand that horseplay is not allowed in cave and can directly result in harm to my fellow cavers.
	5. I will communicate instructions while in cave from the person in front of me to the person behind me to ensure the safest caving practices.
	I understand that each time I enter the cave I am degrading the resource in some form.
	1. I will remain on trail at all times unless directed by a trip leader.
	2. I understand that the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC practices leave no trace principles. I will never leave anything or remove anything from a cave without written permission from the landowner.
	3. I will not touch any speleothems, especially with bare hands while in a cave, unless directed by a trip leader. I realize that the project might be authorized to work in a limited area of the cave and I should wait for further instructions.
	4. I will not interfere with wildlife found in caves.
	5. I will alert the trip leader if I notice the presence of bats or other wildlife in a cave.
	6. I will never attempt to interact with a bat or other wildlife in a cave by handling or other means.
	7. I will never deface a cave through any means of deforming the resource from its natural state.
	8. I will report any of these infractions to a trip leader in a timely manner.
	I understand that cave locations are sacred and they are not to be publicized or shared. There are absolutely no exceptions. If you are caught sharing cave locations via social media, text messages, or emails that you illegally obtained from

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	1. I understand that I must, at minimum, enter a cave with the appropriate clothing, appropriate shoes, gloves, kneepads, three sources of light, a cave-safe water bottle, and a helmet. 2. I understand that any gear I check-out from the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC I am liable for. I understand that I will be held financially liable if any of the gear is lost. I understand I will only be held financially liable for broken gear if I was improperly utilizing it. 3. I understand I am responsible for communicating any gear deficiencies to the Trip Leader. 4. I understand that having access to Project gear is a privilege not a right. I will treat Project gear with the utmost respect and care while utilizing it. I understand that vertical caving comes with unique hazards and requires specific training. 1. I will never enter a vertical cave with the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC, if I am not vertically proficient and have received prior approval from Mike Mansur, Jenna Crabtree, or Jakob Denton. I understand that there will be an indefinite removal from the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC if I intentionally mislead Trip Leaders about my ability or skill level or use inappropriate equipment, gear, or techniques. 2. I will always have two people check my vertical kit prior to utilizing any vertical system to ascend or descend in a cave. 3. I will utilize the proper rope commands while caving such as, "on rope", "off rope/free rope", and "emergency on rope".I will always remove myself from the fall zone before calling "off rope/rope free" to my fellow cavers. 4. I will always lay down on my stomach when I am within body's length of an open air drop/pit. 5. I will never intentionally partake in reckless vertical activities such as speed descending or inverted repelling. I understand that when I volunteer to be a driver for a Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC trip I am responsible for the safety of everyone in my vehicle. 1. I understand that in order to treat my fellow members with respect it requires me to be a safe driver. 2. I understand that a safe driver follows speed limits, uses turn signals, respects road signage, and does not participate in road rage. I understand that the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC has a zero tolerance policy against abelism, bullying, gender discrimination, racial discrimination, sexual harrassment, and sexual assault.
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_____	1. I understand that the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC utilizes the <i>Golden Rule</i> (treat others the way you would like to be treated) for all of its participants.
_____	I acknowledge that the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC is a limited liability company and that any liability associated with official activities rests with the organization, not with individual trip leaders acting within the scope of their role.
_____	I understand that participation in Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC activities involves inherent risks. I accept full responsibility for any injury, harm, or loss that I may sustain while participating in a Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC trip.
_____	I further acknowledge and agree that Mike Mansur and any other Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC leaders, officers, volunteers, or trip leaders shall not be held personally liable for any accident, injury, or loss that may occur during a Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC activity.
_____	I understand that Mike Mansur is the current President and leader of the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC and holds final decision-making authority regarding all business matters of the organization.
_____	1. I acknowledge that Jenna Crabtree and Jakob Denton are volunteers of the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC who are currently in training to assume future leadership roles. I understand that they are not official officers or leaders of the organization at this time and do not hold final decision-making authority.
_____	I understand that this Code of Conduct is valid for one year after the date of signing.

Name: _____

Date: _____

****Code of Conduct is valid from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____**

Thank you for taking time to complete this form as the Cave Formation Repair Project, LLC strives to improve its processes and procedures to continue to grow with the caving community, demand, and scope of our mission. - The Cave Formation Repair Project Team