



**VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT  
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS**

**Please read the statements carefully and sign in the space provided below.**

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in:

20\_\_ MRD Volunteer/Diving Operations

volunteer activity in the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology's (SCIAA) Maritime Research Division (MRD) over the time period from:

January 20\_\_ to December 20\_\_

I understand that there may be risks inherent in the volunteer work in which I will be participating. I acknowledge and assume these risks and accept that my participation may result in losses or personal injury. I also acknowledge and assume monetary responsibility for any such losses or personal injury.

Further, I agree now and forever to waive, release, hold harmless, defend, indemnify, and discharge the University of South Carolina, employees, servants, agents, officers, trustees, and other affiliated persons or entities from any and all claims, injuries, causes, actions, liability, demands, losses, legal or equitable, of any kind whatsoever, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, including all legal fees and expenses, to include attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of, or in any way related any loss or damage to property, injury, illness, disease, loss of services, medical bills, charges, or otherwise, including Death, which may arise out of, or in any way be related to, my volunteer activities.

I agree and understand that as a volunteer with the University of South Carolina, I am not covered under the State Workers Compensation Act, nor does the University provide medical or health insurance coverage for me. As a result, if I am injured while serving as a volunteer, I cannot be compensated or reimbursed for medical expenses incurred through the State Workers Compensation Fund. Because of this, I may wish to consider securing adequate health and accident insurance (e.g. Divers Alert Network, Dive Safe, or Dive Assure) coverage) to cover myself while performing my duties as a volunteer. I agree to be personally and completely liable for any expenses including, but not limited to, medical or health care expenses for medical treatment, illness, or condition, incurred for or on my behalf. I consent and give the University and any others associated with the University my permission, in case of accident or injury, to administer standard First Aid, CPR and/or administration of oxygen and to arrange for transportation to a medical facility.

If the volunteer activity involves SCUBA diving, I agree to provide the University with documentary proof of SCUBA diving certification, a recent physical (within three (3) years indicating medical clearance to SCUBA dive, personal insurance coverage for diving related issues and a diving resume of diving experience in conditions similar to those specified for the volunteer activity described herein. I further agree to advise my sponsor in the SCIAA's MRD of any situation or condition that may be a potential hazard or risk to me or to others.

I also agree that I will serve as a volunteer with the University of South Carolina without monetary compensation and recognize that the University of South Carolina is not required to provide any specific material support, space, or funding for my volunteer activity.

Initials of volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

*(in addition, please sign and date page 2) Page 2 of 2*

I will abide by all the rules and regulations of the University of South Carolina, and specific requirements of the MRD and the SCIAA Dive Safety and Control Board. If I do not abide by these rules, I may be required to discontinue my activity as a volunteer.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older.

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Signature of Volunteer

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Signature of SCIAA MRD Sponsor

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Print Name

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Print Name

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Date

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Please turn in this signed form to the SCIAA MRD sponsor, Dive Officer, or Dive Safety Officer. If you have questions about this form, please call (803) 576-6565, (843) 762-6105 or send an email to the State Underwater Archaeologist James Spirek ([spirek@sc.edu](mailto:spirek@sc.edu)), Education & Outreach Coordinator Ryan Bradley ([rbradley@sc.edu](mailto:rbradley@sc.edu)), or Dive Safety Officer Nate Fulmer ([fulmern@sc.edu](mailto:fulmern@sc.edu)).

