## **Hunterdon Hiking Club Membership Form**

# Membership Year: August 1st to July 31st

Please check one:NewRenewal (Please renew annually by July 31)
Please Print:
Name:
If family membership, please list other family members not included above:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone:Email:
The HHC Newsletter will be sent to your e-mail address.  Check here if you <u>need</u> to receive a hardcopy newsletter via regular mail:  (Note: Hardcopy costs the club about \$9 per membership/year, plus volunteer labor; e-mails are free!)
Payment Enclosed:  1. Membership: \$ Circle one: single (\$15) family (\$20)  2. HHC Club Patch: \$ patches @ \$3 each
3. Total Enclosed: \$ (check payable to Hunterdon Hiking Club) 4. Today's Date:
Mail completed form with check payable to <u>Hunterdon Hiking Club</u> to:  Loretta Mizeski 130 Philhower Avenue Califon, NJ 07830
New members need to sign the liability waiver (on next page). Please include it with the application and check. Note that the membership year ends July 31. However new members who join after March 1 do not have to renew until July of the following year.  Any questions about new memberships contact Gail Jacobsen: jacobseng@mail.com.  Current members contact Loretta Mizeski: Ijmski@embarqmail.com
Note: We use emails, sent via Yahoo Group Updates, to send out notices including cancellations and last-minute changes. When you join, you will receive an email with instructions for signing up for our Yahoo Group so you can get these emails. For Membership Committee use only:
Recorded Liability Waiver received (new members)Acknowledged Yahoo Group invitation sent (new members)

### **HUNTERDON HIKING CLUB MEMBER GUIDELINES AND LIABILITY WAIVER**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE CLUB:**

To provide an opportunity to explore the outdoors by hiking, biking, canoeing, cross country skiing, etc. with others who have similar interests.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:**

- 1. Choose an activity that is appropriate for your level of expertise. If you have questions about the degree of difficulty, please call the activity leader.
- 2. Bring water, appropriate footwear, personal first aid kit and clothing for possible inclement weather.
- 3. Arrive at the meeting place 5-10 minutes before the departure time listed.
- 4. Familiarize yourself with the plan of the day.
- 5. Do not bring pets on hikes unless otherwise indicated.
- 6. Do not consume alcoholic beverages during the hike itself.
- 7. During the activity, stay with the group. Don't stop, lag behind, or go ahead without the leader's knowledge.
- 8. Leave the area as you find it: pack out all trash, do not pick wildflowers, etc.
- 9. Smokers: Please wait for rest stops and be considerate of others. Make sure your cigarettes are extinguished before continuing the activity. It is preferred that you do not smoke.
- 10. If reservations are required, call leader by date stated. If a deposit is required, the deposit is your reservation, not the phone call. In most cases, deposits cannot be refunded unless a replacement is found.
- 11. The activity leader reserves the right to terminate the activity if he/she believes the group or an individual's health or safety is in jeopardy.

#### **HAZARDS AND RISKS:**

I understand that during my participation in any Hunterdon Hiking Club activity, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which may be inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. I am personally responsible for all risks associated with travel to/from the starting point of any activity. The leaders of these activities are volunteers, not paid professional guides or leaders.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY:

- 1. No one but myself is responsible for my safety when I choose to challenge my capabilities or personal health conditions. I take responsibility for having appropriate skills and physical conditioning, equipment and supplies for these activities.
- 2. I also understand that there may not be immediate rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the injuries and damages to which I may be exposed.

### LIABILITY WAIVER:

I understand and agree that I am voluntarily participating in an activity with the Hunterdon Hiking Club and assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation. I waive and release all rights and claims for damages against the Hunterdon Hiking Club, its officers, volunteers, and other participants for any and all injuries that may be suffered while participating in any of their activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Hunterdon Hiking Club and each of its members from any claim for loss or damage or injury to me or any member of my family arising from or in connection with any participation in the program listed. (All adult members in single or family memberships must sign below when they first join.)

Print Name	Signature	Date
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New members only: Please sign and return to the Membership Chair of the Hunterdon Hiking Club.