AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY WAIVER

Travel, tour & trip risk acknowledgement/liability waiver form
for American Peony Society (APS) functions, garden tour travel and recreational activities

The American Peony Society sponsors garden tours for members as a means of providing enjoyment and education in private and public garden spaces. Tour event participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and positive manner as representatives of The American Peony Society. All members must adhere to and are responsible for their own safety. Failure to follow guidelines, instructions, and directives may result in exclusion from tours.

I. 2024 CONVENTION TRAVEL DESTINATION GARDENS: Stevens Garden (Benson, MN); Swenson Gardens (Howard Lake, MN); Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (Chaska, MN); Sorrentino Garden (Chaska, MN). Tour/Travel Dates: June 6 & 7, 2024

Mode of Travel: ____ Commercial Bus ___ Self-Travel/Personal Vehicle ____Rental Vehicle

Special Activities/ Risks include but are not limited to: Vehicle Travel to the destinations listed above; Foot Travel at each location, Exposure to unfamiliar cities or large crowds, Exposure to weather or outdoors, Exposure to unfamiliar terrain, etc… **Precautions**: Check weather before departure; Wear appropriate clothing for venue and proper footwear for walking/activities. Plan your footsteps and know your surroundings.

This is to certify that _____ **has voluntarily agreed to**:
(Member Name - Print)
Travel in a group or independently to tour garden locations in conjunction with the American Peony Society Annual Convention.

II. LIABILITY WAIVER / RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand that participation in travel and tour activities could involve risk of physical injury, illness, death or property loss, and despite safety precautions, the American Peony Society or any of its members cannot guarantee safety thereof, as all risks cannot be prevented. The American Peony Society does not provide health and accident insurance for tour trip participants, and I understand that any medical expenses, property loss, or other personal expenditures that result during or from this tour/trip, are to be borne by the member participant as certified above. I also hereby consent, give authorization to, and release from liability The American Peony Society representative to secure any emergency medical treatment in the event I am unable to, and I agree to be responsible for the costs thereof.

I further acknowledge that if I drive my own vehicle, or am a passenger in another's private vehicle in connection with this tour function, that the American Peony Society's insurance does not cover such a private vehicle. I also understand that the American Peony Society cannot be responsible for assuring the safety and reliability of such private transportation or driver, nor for any non-sponsored activities and travel that I might choose to participate in before, during or after the sponsored function, and I therefore accept the risks and responsibilities associated with such private vehicle travel and activities.

In consideration of the opportunity afforded, with full knowledge and acceptance of the risks associated with this trip and any activities noted within; and with full understanding of the above issues/conditions and risks, **I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the American Peony Society, Inc.** its leaders, officers, volunteers, and agents, and private/public garden owners from all form and manner of risks inherent in, and from all claims, suits and demands of any nature arising from participation in said trip, or activities.

_____ _____ _____
Print Member Name Signature of Member Date

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Signature of Witness for Member (any other APS Member)

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Additional Recommended Precautions:

- Check local weather before departure and become familiar with activities you plan to do.
- Bring appropriate clothing, footwear, supplies, protective gear (insect repellent, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, etc) suitable for destination weather, outdoor activities, standing/walking etc.
- Avoid bringing valuables or keep them secure at all times. APS and tour gardens are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Bring any necessary medications or emergency/medical kits (ie. bee sting kits/epi-pen, inhalers, etc.).
- Know how to reach your trip leader in event of an emergency or issue.