

Contract & Acknowledgment of Risk

I request permission to participate as a volunteer in the RIO Collective, Inc. mission program and the activities related thereto (the “activities”). I have read the RIO Collective, Inc. Mission Guidelines. I acknowledge and agree to the following (initial each one):

_____ I understand that there are risks associated with the activities and travel to, from, and while in Panama, including possible serious adverse health effects, injury, or death, and the risk of being a victim of criminal and/or political violence. Knowing these risks, I freely and voluntarily agree to assume all of the risks associated with my participation in the activities.

_____ I agree to notify the team leadership if I learn of anything that would alter the risks to other team members or me at any time. I understand that I may experience conditions that I am not used to and will notify the team leader if there are concerns regarding my health and fitness. I understand that it is my responsibility to visit my physician to discuss my health status, ability to participate in the activities and to obtain the appropriate vaccines and preventative medications as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). I agree to abide by any request made by RIO Collective, Inc. to cease being a part of the mission due to concerns about my health and well-being or impact on team members.

_____ I understand that RIO Collective, Inc. is not financially responsible for any of expenses associated with the activities; I accept that if for any reason I cannot participate in the activities, RIO Collective, Inc. will not refund any moneys I previously paid in connection therewith. I also understand additional costs incurred due to things beyond RIO Collective, Inc.'s control will be charged to me.

_____ I agree to act in a responsible way while in Panama and to follow the directions of the team and RIO Collective, Inc. leadership to minimize risks to myself and other members of the team.

_____ I agree not to undertake tasks or projects outside of my abilities. I agree not to provide medications, medical advice, or medical care outside of my scope of practice or perform any experimental treatments or procedures on the Panamanian people.

_____ I understand that I must be respectful and protect the inherent dignity and privacy of the Panamanian people under all circumstances.

_____ I acknowledge that RIO Collective, Inc. is an evangelical Christian non-profit organization and strives to reflect God’s grace in the world. I agree to be culturally sensitive and act in a manner that reflects the norms expected by the Christian community regardless of my personal beliefs.

_____ I understand that the laws of the State of New Jersey shall govern this Release and any legal action relating to or arising out of, this Release shall be commenced exclusively in New Jersey.

_____ I agree to allow RIO Collective, Inc., to release personal information about me to the U.S. State Department or other agencies if RIO Collective, Inc. believes that such release would be in my best interests.

_____ I agree (on my behalf, and on behalf of my successors, representatives, executors, heirs, and assigns) to release, discharge, and covenant not to sue RIO Collective, Inc. and related and affiliated companies, and the officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns of each of the foregoing entities (collectively, its “affiliates”) from any liability, causes of action, claims or damages for personal injury, property damage and wrongful death, whether foreseeable or not, arising from or attributable to my participation in the activities, whether or not such liability arises from action or inaction of RIO Collective, Inc. and its affiliates in connection with the activities or the locations in which they take place. This Acknowledgement of Risk Waiver and Release (this “Release”) applies to any and all causes of actions, claims or demands that I may have against RIO Collective, Inc. or its affiliates as a consequence of any type of damage (whether personal or property), loss, death, or injury regardless of whether the cause of action, claim, or demand is in negligence, tort, contract, or other legal basis (other than intentional conduct). I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend RIO Collective, Inc. and its affiliates from any and all liability, causes of action, claims, or damages of any third party in connection with my participation in the activities.

_____ I affirm that I am over 18 years old and competent to enter into this Release. I certify that I am physically fit to travel to and from Panama and participate in all activities. I understand the potential for risk and agree to abide by RIO Collective, Inc.'s guidelines and the team leader's direction. I understand that failure to honor the guidelines may result in termination of the mission and my eviction from RIO Collective, Inc. facilities.

_____ I affirm that I am over 15 years old and have my parent's permission to enter into this Release. I certify that I am physically fit to travel to and from Panama and participate in all activities. My parents and I understand the potential for risk; I agree to abide by RIO Collective, Inc.'s guidelines and the team leader's direction. I understand that failure to honor the guidelines may result in termination of the mission and my eviction from RIO Collective, Inc. facilities.

Name (print): _____ **Group:** _____

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian of minor _____

Date _____

Group Members: Please submit all of the signed Contract and Waiver to your group leader prior to your trip. **Team Leaders:** Please submit all of the signed Contract and Waivers to the RIO Collective, Inc. team/guesthouse coordinator in Panama or by scanning and emailing it to casaparisopanama@gmail.com.