

COMOX VALLEY NATURALISTS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

P.O. BOX 3222 COURTENAY, B.C. V9N 5N4

NEW MEMBERSHIP or RENEWAL FOR WHAT YEAR? _____

NOTE: This form must be completed every year; and to participate in any club walk, field trip, event or work party, every member must sign the "INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT" (See the other side).

Where applicable, a separate dedicated form must be signed for family members under 19 years old. To remain in good standing, membership fees must be received before February 28 in the calendar year. Persons not renewing by this date will be removed from the CVNS and Federation of BC Naturalists (BC Nature) memberships lists.

Please complete all sections which are relevant to your application and mail to:

SUE MARTELL 251-3399 CROWN ISLE DRIVE COURTENAY, BC V9N 9X7

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Names: 1. SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____
2. SURNAME _____ GIVEN NAMES _____

Add other family members, if applicable.

Mailing Address: Apt _____ Street _____
Town _____ Province _____ Postal code _____

TELEPHONE # () _____ May we list this number in the CVNS newsletter membership list? YES NO

Birth date if Student is under 19 years: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____ Telephone number () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Do you wish to receive the CVNS newsletter by e-mail? YES NO

Do you wish to be contacted by e-mail by the president for current or upcoming events? YES NO

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ONE ADULT \$30.00 FAMILY \$40.00 LIFE MEMBER \$300.00

STUDENT (18 – 22 years) \$15 JUNIOR (12 – 17 years) \$10.00

Members of another FBCN club may deduct \$16.00 from the individual or family fee.

If you wish to receive the CVNS newsletter by mail, please add \$5.00. TOTAL \$ _____

Club membership fees include membership in the FEDERATION OF B.C. NATURALISTS, liability insurance coverage, and a yearly subscription to the magazine "B.C. NATURE"

CONSENT FOR USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I, the participant, authorize the Comox Valley Naturalists Society and the Federation of B.C. Naturalists to collect and use the personal information about me for the purpose of receiving communications, including newsletters, e-mails and posting articles and images on the Comox Valley Naturalists Society website or the B.C. Nature website. We do not sell or distribute your personal information to any other third party not listed herein. I understand that I may withdraw such consent at any time by contacting the Comox Valley Naturalists Society's membership secretary. The membership secretary will advise the implications of such withdrawal.

Check box on right to indicate your consent for use of personal information.

Signature (of Parent/Guardian if under 19) _____

Date _____

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In consideration of the acceptance of my (or my child/ward's) membership in the Comox Valley Naturalists Society, I, the participant (and/or parent/guardian on behalf of a minor participant) agree as follows:

- To abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the Comox Valley Naturalists Society.
- I have reviewed the ASSUMPTION OF RISK agreement, and my signature affixed hereto indicates my agreement with such Assumption of Risk Agreement.
- I accept sole responsibility for my (or my child/ward's) personal possessions and equipment (if applicable).

I acknowledge that I have read this form in its entirety and that I have executed this membership agreement voluntarily.

Signature of 1st participant _____

Date _____

Signature of 2nd participant _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 19) _____

Date _____

**COMOX VALLEY NATURALISTS SOCIETY
INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

WARNING!

By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue. Please read carefully.

DISCLAIMER

This is a binding legal agreement. As a Participant in the programs, activities and events of the Comox Valley Naturalists Society and the Federation of BC Naturalists, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms:

The Comox Valley Naturalists Society and the Federation of BC Naturalists and their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the programs, activities and events of the Organization.

DESCRIPTION OF RISKS

I am participating voluntarily in these activities, events and programs of the Organization. In consideration of my participation in the programs, activities and events of the Organization, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to any such programs, activities and events of the Organization and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- a) Field trips, outings and nature walks;
- b) Bird counts and watching;
- c) Road cleanup and restoration work;
- d) Animal attacks, including but not limited to, bears, cougars and snakes;
- e) Bites from insects, including ticks with possibility of leading to Lyme Disease;
- f) Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke, hypothermia, frostbite, or lightning strikes;
- g) Inhalation of viruses or infections including but not limited to, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome;
- h) Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques including climbing and hiking;
- i) Vigorous physical exertion;
- j) Grass, turf and other surfaces including bacterial infections and rashes;
- k) Falling to the ground due to uneven, slippery, steep, rocky or irregular terrain or surfaces;
- l) Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment;
- m) Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed; and
- n) Travel to and from activities, events and programs.

1. Furthermore, I am aware:

- a) That injuries sustained can be severe;
- b) That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the activities, events and programs;
- c) That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation; and
- d) That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

2. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:

- a) That I do not know of any medical condition I might have that could possibly make it unwise from me to participate in the club's activities, events or programs, including but not limited to heart conditions;
- b) To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in such activities, events and programs;
- c) To forever release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participation in the activities, events and programs of the Organization.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

3. I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and understand it, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant (19 years and older)

Date

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant (19 years and older)

Date

(OR) Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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