

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Mason’s Sapphire Mine, LLC

6961 Upper Burningtown Road Franklin, NC 28734

Participant’s Name _____
printed

Age: _____

Guardian /Parent Name _____
(if Participant is under 18) printed

Age: _____

I understand that mining at Mason’s Ruby and Sapphire Mine (hereinafter “Mason’s”) may be hazardous to the individual Participant above, and is undertaken at the risk of Participant, with approval of Guardian if Participant is a under 18 years of Age (hereinafter “Minor”).

If the participant is a Minor: I further agree that the Participant has been given my consent to participate in mining activity.

In signing this release form, I assume the risk of harm or injury which may occur as a result of Participant’s involvement in mining activities at Mason’s. I hereby release Mason’s Sapphire Mine, LLC and its owners, operators, employees, and/or agents from any liability, costs or damages resulting from Participant’s activities while mining here.

In signing this release form, I give consent for Mason’s to seek emergency treatment for a Participant if deemed necessary by mining personnel, and I further agree to accept financial responsibility for any costs incurred in seeking such treatment.

In signing this release form, Participant and Guardian acknowledge that both have read, understand, and agree to the rules and guidelines found in Safety Orientation document attached to this Release Form, in its entirety.

- Mining is to be restricted to designated areas only.
- Miners are not to venture into restricted areas, and are expected to stay away from retention ponds, highwall banks, and any machinery .
- Children under the age of 6 are free to enter the mining area, but must be under the supervision of a Guardian at all times, and their activities are the responsibility of that Guardian for the duration of their visit.
- Any repeated or major violations of the guidelines above and those found in Safety Orientation, may be grounds for Participant’s being prohibited from mining activities for the remainder of the day. Any fees paid to be retained by the mine.

Participant’s Signature

Date

Guardian or Parent Signature

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| Fee Collected: | Under 6 | - Free |
| \$ _____ | Ages 6-11 | - \$15 |
| | Ages 12 & Over | - \$30 |

SAFETY ORIENTATION FOR VISITORS TO MASON'S RUBY AND SAPPHIRE MINE

REMEMBER! SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

Though visiting Mason's Ruby and Sapphire Mine should be enjoyable and educational, there are inherent dangers associated with active mining operations. Please read the following and agree to abide by these rules and guidelines.

Hazards and dangers are both manmade and natural and can result in injury, loss of limb, or even death.

Some of the natural hazards and dangers, but not limited to these, include severe weather, including snow, rain, hail, lightning and the Burningtown Creek. Rocks on upper slopes can also loosen and slide or roll without warning. Be cautious whenever walking across slope. It's easy to turn an ankle on loose rocks or logs. Additionally, you may be exposed to intense sun and heat. Biting flies and mosquitoes may also be present. Snakes may occasionally be present, do not disturb them and notify mine operators immediately. Bring proper protective clothing and gear for the season. Good boots and a hat are essential. Do not take nature for granted.

Manmade dangers include but are not limited to moving equipment, excavation highwalls and retention ponds. You are prohibited from being within 50 feet of any operating equipment. This includes pneumatic tools, backhoe, track hoe, compressor, pressurized lines, etc. A safe zone is designated around all of this equipment, as well as retention ponds. You will be asked to leave if you violate this safe zone.

You are not allowed in any excavation which is over the height of your head. Do not place yourself within 8 feet of any wall higher than your body height without specific permission. Rocks can and will fall without warning. Wind can loosen small rocks above you and blow dust and sand into your eyes. Unstable banks can collapse. The 8 foot rule will not protect you from every danger, but it provides a physical buffer from danger, as well as sufficient time to react. Also remember not to burrow under any rock/boulders they may become loose and dangerous.

In general, while digging, always be aware of others around you. Never toss a rock behind you without first checking for people. Breaking rock is not condoned and use of any tools not provided by the mine should be approved for use. Never shovel dirt without looking. Assume someone will be there, because when you don't, that's where they'll be. Likewise, never allow a rock to roll down a hill. Be cautious with tools. Make certain persons are at a safe distance whenever using any tool -- shovels, sifters, buckets, etc. Do not place tools where they might cause a tripping hazard.

Similarly, maintain a safe distance from all persons using tools, to include shovels and sifters and never enter their operating space. If it becomes necessary to do so, notify the person and make certain they acknowledge your presence before moving into their operating space.

Be especially watchful of any children on site. Although we tend to get excited while digging, children tend to get especially excited. Any children in the digging area should be under adult supervision.

Have fun and be safe!