

Mountain Lake Biological Station University of Virginia

Public Statement of Field Station User Assumption of Risk and Liability

"Users (including all guests and visitors) of this Field Station (Mountain Lake Biological Station, University of Virginia) understand that presence at the Field Station may entail inherent risks related to automobile use, delayed access to medical care, environmental risks similar to those encountered while backpacking or boating, and other events impossible to predict. Users also assume responsibility for their own safety while at the above Field Station. Users will have considered any special medical conditions which may put them at greater risk of harm or which may require immediate medical care, and have decided to accept those risks while at the Field Station. Users will not assert a claim against the University of Virginia, its employees, officers, or agents for injury to their person or property resulting from participation in any activity at the Field Station, unless such injury was caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of officers or employees of the University of Virginia."

Available "Right to Know" and Animal Use Material:

Signed Liability Waivers are required of all Field Station students, researchers, or participants in other Field Station programs. On-Line waiver available at - <http://www.abcrc.virginia.edu/waiver/>

Specific risks related to wildlife their diseases or other such diseases or risks inherent to work at the Field Station - <http://www.abcrc.virginia.edu/waiver/zoonoticdiseases.pdf>

Vertebrate Animal Users: Any Field Station user intending to work with vertebrate animals or their parts in any capacity (i.e. other than passive observation from a distance of 5 feet or more) is required to complete the on-line form - <http://www.abcrc.virginia.edu/waiver/>

Other Policies, Regulations, Permits, Risk Notification are posted on-line at - <http://mlbs.org/research.html>