



The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education is committed to conducting recreation activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Schuylkill Center continually strives to reduce risks associated with recreational activities and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in outdoor recreational activities.

### **Gear Use Policy**

1. All gear must be checked out at the front desk during normal business hours on a first come, first serve basis by a Schuylkill Center member.
2. Members are encouraged to inspect gear and ask for instructions prior to leaving the Schuylkill Center.
3. All gear must be returned by 4pm on the day specified in the Grant Borrowing Agreement (GBA) to the front desk.
  - a. Gear must not be left unattended at the front desk.
4. A member's credit card must be on file to participate in the Gear Borrowing Program.
  - a. Members will not be charged, unless fees apply.
5. Gear may be borrowed for up to 7 days/6 nights of the GBA Date.
  - a. Day 1 begins once GBA is signed.
  - b. A late fee of \$10/day will incur beginning on day 8.
6. All gear will be inspected upon return.
  - a. If dirtied beyond what is expected, as determined by Schuylkill Center staff, a cleaning fee of \$10/gear will be imposed.
  - b. If damaged, beyond normal wear and tear, the member will be charged for repair. If gear is damaged beyond repair, the member will be charged the retail cost of the gear including tax and shipping.
  - c. If lost or stolen, the member will be charged the replacement cost of the gear including tax and shipping.
7. Members can only sign out four (4) items/kits at a time.
8. Members will make every effort to ensure the equipment is used and stored in a proper and safe manner.
9. Members will not alter the gear or use in a manner unintended.



## Consent & Liability Release Statements

- I accept all responsibility for the gear and any fees or charges that may incur.
- I agree to reimburse and hold harmless the Schuylkill Center for any loss or damage of any kind, other than reasonable “wear and tear” resulting from the use of this equipment.
- I understand that there are inherent risks in the activity for which this equipment is to be used and that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of the activity, and I freely assume those risks.
- I agree to use the gear in a safe manner and adhere to all rules set by the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education.
- I am solely responsible for determining if my minor child/ward and I are physically fit and/or skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, restricted in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.
- I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree on my own behalf of my minor child/ward, to release the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, suits, judgments and demands for bodily injury and/or property damage, at law or in equity, that may arise out of my or my minor child’s/ward’s participation in this activity.
- I hereby release the Board of Directors of the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education and all its agents, officers, assistants, and employees from any and all liability for damage and injury to myself or to any person or property resulting from negligence, the selection, adjustment and use of this equipment, and accept the full responsibility for any and all such damage and injury which may result.
- The Schuylkill Center may amend its loan policy at any time. I understand that I must abide by any of these amendments or changes.