



# Gila Valley Hiking Club

## Membership Application – Acknowledgement of Responsibility, Expressed Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability

I understand that, during my membership in the Gila Valley Hiking Club and during participation in any club activity, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen and unforeseen, which are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death (“Injuries and Damages”) from exposure to the hazards of travel, and that the Gila Valley Hiking Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, club members, guides and assistants, or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Gila Valley Hiking Club activities and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that there may not be rescue or medical persons, facilities, or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed on any activity.

In consideration for my acceptance as a member in the Club and as a participant in any Club activities, I confirm my understanding that:

- I have read any rules and conditions applicable to the activities made available to me.
- I will pay any costs and fees for the activities and acknowledge my participation is at my own discretion and the discretion of the guide(s).
- The activities officially begin and end at the location(s) designated by the Gila Valley Hiking Club. The activities may include carpooling, transportation, or private transit to and from the activity, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** the Gila Valley Hiking Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from **any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Gila Valley Hiking Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders, in any way connected with this activity. I further agree to **HOLD HARMLESS** the Gila Valley Hiking Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and leaders from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a member of the Club or a participant in any activity. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me.
- I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks, I agree to membership in the Gila Valley Hiking Club and may participate in any Club activities.

**My signature below indicates acceptance of the Member Acknowledgement of Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability Statement on Page 1 of this form by all Applicant members.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Member

Others included in this membership must sign below:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Member Application and Acknowledgement of Responsibility, Membership Application

Membership in the Gila Valley Hiking Club (GVHC) is open to all persons interested in hiking and willing to abide by the Code of Conduct published on our Facebook page.

The person listed on Line A below will be the primary member to whom all communications will be addressed. List additional family or household members to be included in Lines B-G.

Please include dues of \$10 for individual, \$15 for family of four, and \$3 for each additional family member. All members listed on this form must sign Page 1. You are welcome to bring guests on Club outings; they will be charged \$3 per hike or activity and must sign the liability release prior to hiking. Membership is good for one year from the date of dues payment.

## PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Member	Last Name	First Name	If Under 18 Birth Year	Medical Conditions*	Dues
Primary A					
Member B					
Member C					
Member D					
Member E					
Member F					
Member G					
<i>The Primary Member's dues are \$10 annually for individuals, \$15 annually for a family of 4, and \$3 each for additional family members. Guests/non-members pay \$3 per person per hike.</i>			<b>Check #</b>		<b>Total Check Amount</b>  \$
<b>Address</b>					
<b>City</b>		<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>		
<b>Email</b>		<b>Phone</b>			
<i>Member names and email addresses will be shared with club members during regular communications. Names may be listed in trip reports on the Club's Facebook page. No contact information will be accessible to anyone other than Club administration.</i>					

1. Do you have any current medical problems, issues or limitations? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

\* If yes, please note in chart above and explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you had any previous medical conditions of which we should be aware? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Allergies to food, medications, insects, or the environment? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(someone who will not be on any of the hikes with you)

Emergency Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Send check or money order (do not send cash) payable to GVAC and both pages of the completed application to:

**Gila Valley Hiking Club**  
**PO Box 33**  
**Thatcher, AZ 85552**