**UNIVERISTY OF TENNESSEE FIREWOOD BANK**

 **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT, & MEDIA RELEASE**

Thank you for helping with your community’s firewood bank. All volunteers, staff, and others working on site are required to read and sign the following liability waiver.

**CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I understand that cutting, splitting, loading/unloading, and transporting firewood involves the risk of injury to my person, up to and including death, and injury to my property. In consideration of the University of Tennessee allowing my participation in this volunteer activity, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, my executors, my administrators, my assigns, and my representatives, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the University of Tennessee, its Trustees, employees, volunteers, and any other agents for any present and/or future claims of whatever nature or kind, regardless of the basis, including, but not limited to, any claim for physical injury, sickness, or death to/of me, or any claim for injury to my property related in any way to my participation in this volunteer activity. This release includes claims based upon the negligence of the University of Tennessee, its Trustees, employees, volunteers, and any other agents. Further, I am 18 or older and assume the risk of injury to my person or my property due to my participation in this volunteer activity. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY EXECUTING THIS AGREEMENT, I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE. This release of liability does not apply to any worker’s compensation rights that may apply to any University employee.

**EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT**

If I will work with dangerous equipment, including chainsaws and splitters, I acknowledge that I am at least 18 years of age, fully aware of any and all risks posed by these activities and that I have no medical condition that prevents me from engaging in them.

I agree to wear protective clothing and gear, while using dangerous equipment including: gloves, boots, eye and ear protection when cutting or splitting wood, and also chaps when using a chainsaw. I verify that I have sufficient training and experience to use equipment such as a chainsaw, splitter or ax and that I will seek additional training and instruction as needed.

**MEDIA RELEASE**

I also give permission to be photographed by project partners or the media for use in printed materials, through the internet or through other media outlets to promote the firewood bank.

BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE ABOVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT, AND MEDIA RELEASE AND THAT I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT VOLUTARILY AND OF MY OWN FREE WILL

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_