



# Davis Mountains Education Center (DMEC) Elderhostel Program - Liability Release

ELDERHOSTEL, INC. is a non-profit organization primarily serving persons 55-years old and older. In some instances, scheduled activities and field trips that are part of the Elderhostel programs may involve travel or challenging physical activity. ELDERHOSTEL, INC. and its non-profit host organizations plan these programs with care, but given the number of persons involved and variations in participants' physical abilities and medical needs, we do not assume responsibility for determining whether any individual can safely participate in a particular program. In those instances where a program involves travel or challenging physical activity, and remote areas without immediate medical facilities nearby, we therefore ask each participant, in consultation with his or her own physician, to accept this responsibility.

Our goal is to offer the broadest possible range of programs, but our ability to do so is affected by the increasingly litigious society in which we operate. We therefore request that each participant assume responsibility for risks other than those arising from gross negligence or wanton or reckless conduct on the part of ELDERHOSTEL, INC. and DAVIS MOUNTAINS EDUCATION CENTER, or any of their corporate offices, officers, or board members.

Please also note: If your program travels into Mexico and if you are interested in securing additional medical insurance coverage in Mexico, please contact your insurance agent for details. This is strictly your personal choice. (Elderhostel provides Emergency Coverage – not Major Medical)

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## FORM OF LIABILITY RELEASE

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the requirements for the Elderhostel Program, some of which involve trips into very remote areas and Mexico. I am aware that this program involves risks, which I am prepared to accept, and following appropriate medical consultation with my personal physician, I have determined that my health is adequate to participate safely in this program. Accordingly, as part of my decision to enroll, I hereby release ELDERHOSTEL, INC. and DAVIS MOUNTAINS EDUCATION CENTER from any and all liabilities to me with respect to injury, sickness, disease, loss, or damage. This release does not apply to liabilities arising from gross negligence or wanton or reckless conduct by anyone, including ELDERHOSTEL, INC. and DAVIS MOUNTAINS EDUCATION CENTER. Apart from that exception, this release applies to any and all liabilities to me or my estate, of any type or description, whether arising from ordinary negligence or otherwise, and whether involving fees and expenses of any kind. In the event that some other person or entity seeks compensation for these released liabilities, I or my estate will indemnify and hold harmless ELDERHOSTEL, INC., and DAVIS MOUNTAINS EDUCATION CENTER named above for all sums reasonably incurred in response to that claim. This release is to be interpreted and enforced under Texas law.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to DMEC in one of the following methods:

Fax: 432.426.2021

U.S. Postal Service: DMEC, PO Box 1138, Fort Davis, Texas 79734

E-mail: [info@dmectexas.org](mailto:info@dmectexas.org)

Questions? **Call DMEC AT 800.403.3484.**