I, the undersigned, intern/student/volunteer, hereby acknowledge that the volunteer camp is an open, unfenced, basic bush camp situated in the heart of Balule Nature Reserve, Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa. I further acknowledge that the camp is unfenced and is situated in an area where potentially dangerous animals roam freely.

I further understand and acknowledge that the camp is situated in a malaria-endemic area and that I have been advised to take anti malaria precautions. I acknowledge that any medical expenses incurred will be for my own account and that I have taken out a fully comprehensive schedule of insurance.

I understand and acknowledge that the volunteer camp is not a lodge that it is a basic research camp with no luxury facilities such as swimming pools or air conditioning or bars or restaurants. I also understand that the toilet and shower is outside and basic, but functional.

I understand that I am assisting on a conservation project with a small budget. Therefore, I understand that there is no permanent electricity from the fuel powered generator and I acknowledge that the project needs to conserve energy resources where it can and understand that at times there might be a requirement to conserve water and fuel on camp.

I further undertake to at all times obey any reasonable order, command, demand, or request that may be made to me in the interest of my own personal safety or the safety of others in whose company I may be, at any stage during my stay at the volunteer camp.

If I sign up as an intern/student/volunteer I acknowledge that I will be expected to assist with the routine data-capture and monitoring activities as well as the other objectives of the research project and that my approved research proposal will be worked around these routines.

If I sign up as an intern, I must ensure that my research proposal is logistically feasible. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the field component of my project can be completed within the time and available funding and manpower constraints allocated to the project. To ensure this, I agree to consult with the available field researchers in order to submit a well formulated research proposal to my field supervisors, prior to my arrival.

I also understand and acknowledge that during my time at the volunteer camp and the Balule Private Nature Reserve that there are no guarantees of ‘big five’ sightings. Big five animals include lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, and rhinoceros, but this extends to all wildlife. I understand that I am entering a vast ecosystem (1 800 km2 Private Reserves, 20 000 km2 Kruger National Park and 10 000 km2 Limpopo National Park). I understand that animals move freely across these areas as the dividing fences have been removed. I understand that any lack of sightings are likely a result of this freedom of movement of wildlife and as such provides evidence of the efficacy
of a large, functioning healthy ecosystem - in contrast to a small, contained, reserve where game can be found on demand.

I further understand and acknowledge that should I decide the camp is too basic for me that I will not be entitled to any refund whatsoever.

I confirm that I have read the camp information document and that I have also read the camp rules and code of conduct – behaviour on camp and I agree to abide by these rules during my stay on camp.

SIGNED THIS ……………………………..DAY OF …………………. 20…..
(Day) (Month) (Year)

FULL NAME ……………………………………………………………

SIGNED………………………………………………………………

To be signed by parent or guardian if under the age of 18.

SIGNED THIS …………………DAY OF …………………. 20…..
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FULL NAME ……………………………………………………………

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