



GMS Application and Dues Renewal Form

All GMS memberships begin on April 1st of each year. This form is for current members who want to renew or for non-members who wish to apply for membership. Please complete ALL applicable sections and read and sign the Acknowledgment of Danger and Assumption of Risk on the back of this form (or page 2 if using a downloaded form). **Your membership will not be processed unless the Acknowledgment of Danger and Assumption of Risk has been signed by each applicant and returned.**

This is a : Renewal New Application (check one) Phone Codes: Mobile (M), Home (H), or Work (W)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone (M) _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

(Spouse or Significant Other)

Phone (M) _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

(Junior Member #1)

Phone (M) _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

(Junior Member #2)

Phone (M) _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

Membership Category

- Single\$30.00/year
- Couple\$50.00/year
- Junior #1 (17 and under)\$10.00/year
- Junior #2 (17 and under)\$10.00/year

Make checks payable to: **Glacier Mountaineering Society**
Mail To: GMS, P.O. Box 1241, Kalispell, MT 59903

Membership Total: \$ _____

Donation Total: \$ _____

GMS Donations

- General GMS Treasury Amount \$ _____
- Trail Improvement Amount \$ _____

Merchandise Total (Include Form):\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Interested in Volunteering?

GMS is a volunteer organization dependent on its members for service in various areas to keep the society functional. Check the following categories in which you would like to serve and a GMS representative will contact you with any details:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GMS Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate a Climb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GMS Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Climb Schedule Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Event Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journal Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Reminder!

Please remember that you are responsible for keeping your online contact information up to date, especially your email address which, as an example, is used to notify you before each GMS outing with event details and updates. You can update/edit your profile on the left side of the online calendar page under **My Account**. You can also select your notification preferences there, add website links to your online profile, and also add notes about your interests in mountaineering or other activities.

Additional forms available at: <http://www.glaciersmountaineers.com>

All applicants must read and sign the Assumption of Risk on the reverse side of this form (or p.2 if using a downloaded form)!



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DANGER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By signing below, I acknowledge the following:

1. **GMS:** The Glacier Mountaineering Society (GMS), a nonprofit corporation, was established in 1981 in Flathead County, Montana.
2. **Coordinators:** GMS coordinators are volunteers, not professional guides.
3. **Outdoor Activities:** All GMS outdoor activities involve danger to a greater or lesser extent dependent upon such factors as weather, daylight, stability of terrain, the participant’s good health, preparation for the activity and decisions made while engaged in the activity. Accidents resulting in serious injury or death do occur during outdoor activities.
4. **Risks:** Risks inherent in a GMS activity cannot be fully eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity, nor can risks be fully known. GMS events may be exploratory in nature, entailing route-finding over unknown or unfamiliar terrain. I acknowledge that mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing, traversing snow fields, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, and other related activities entail known and unanticipated risks that may result in physical or emotional trauma, injury, paralysis or death. I also acknowledge that serious injury during an activity could result from the negligence of another participant, or the GMS coordinator, in the same activity.
5. **Cost of Injury/Emergency Contact:** I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer while participating in this activity and, if I do not, that I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. In case of accident, illness or other incapacity, I understand that I must pay my own medical and evacuation expenses, whether or not authorized by me. I authorize the contact of my Emergency Contact identified in my application in the event of an emergency.
6. **Assumption of Risks:** I intend to engage in GMS outdoor activities. I assume the risks described above. I accept sole responsibility for the decision to engage in these activities as well as all decisions made by me during them.
7. **Law:** As stated in the Montana Recreation Responsibility Act, §27-1-753, Montana Code Annotated:

“A person who participates in any sport or recreational opportunity assumes the inherent risks in that sport or recreational opportunity, whether those risks are known or unknown, and is legally responsible for all injury or death to the person and for all damage to the person’s property that result from the inherent risks in that sport or recreational opportunity.”

“By signing this document, you may be waiving your legal right to a jury trial to hold provider legally responsible for any injuries or damages resulting from risks inherent in the sport or recreational opportunity or for any injuries or damages you may suffer due to the provider’s ordinary negligence that are the result of the provider’s failure to exercise reasonable care.”

The laws of the State of Montana shall govern this Acknowledgment of Danger and Assumption of Risk. The venue for any litigation initiated by any GMS member, or representative of a member, against the GMS, its directors or activity coordinators, shall be the Eleventh Judicial District of the State of Montana. In any such litigation, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of attorney’s fees.

8. **Understanding:** I have read, understand and agree to the contents of this Acknowledgment of Danger and Assumption of Risk.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Junior Member(s): A signature of a parent or guardian is required on behalf of Junior Members of the GMS (age 17 or younger). No Junior Member shall be allowed to participate in a GMS sponsored outdoor activity unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian subject to the following exception: in the sole discretion of the activity coordinator, following communication with a parent or guardian during which the nature of the activity and the abilities of the Junior Member(s) are discussed, the Junior Member(s) may be allowed to participate in the activity unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.

Signature: _____ On behalf of: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____ Relation to Junior Member(s): _____