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**RELEASE FORM**  
**MOCHE FIELD SCHOOL IN BIOARCHAEOLOGY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, request voluntary participation in the MOCHE Field School in Bioarchaeology. All of these activities will be hereinafter referred to as the “program.” Mobilizing Opportunity through Community Heritage Empowerment, Inc (here after referred to as “MOCHE”) is a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of North Carolina, USA

I consent to participation in the program and acknowledge that I fully understand my participation may involve risk of serious injury or death, which may result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the condition of the facilities and/or equipment or areas where the program is being conducted. **I understand that if I have any risk concerns, I shall discuss the risks associated with my participation with the program director of MOCHE before I sign this document and before the program begins.**

Participants in the program should be aware that participation involves exposure to certain inherent risks. Participants can expect to spend significant time engaging in laboratory and physical activities in uncontrolled settings. In such settings, participants may encounter dust, fungus, heavy metals, insects, pests, snakes, rodents, and adverse weather conditions including hot, dry days, cool nights, or high winds. MOCHE takes reasonable steps to enhance the safety and comfort of participants. Nevertheless, participants must be aware of, and assume, the inherent risks they may encounter in the course of laboratory work and archaeological site tours, such as cuts, dust inhalation, slips, falls, bites, discomfort, crime, or exposure to nature's elements. The lab work will required the handling and cleaning of human remains. **Because the field school will be conducted in Peru and will involve hands-on activities, participants must be fit and in good health. It is recommended that participants consult their doctor before departure.**

The program also will involve travel in Peru. MOCHE takes reasonable steps to enhance the safety and comfort of expedition participants. Nevertheless, participants must be aware of, and assume, the inherent risks they may encounter traveling in Peru, including highway accidents, crime, and possible exposure to food-borne or water-borne diseases, such as dysentery or hepatitis. Participants will be transported between the program lodging and the work sites by a bus or van provided by a local transportation company and by a car rented by the project. The bus or van will be driven by an employee of the transport company or MOCHE staff and the car by MOCHE staff. Traffic laws are loosely enforced in Peru, and consequently use of public roads involves risks from vehicular accidents. Participants will be lodged in rented houses or a hostel in the Moche Valley. The lodging will have secure entryways and windows and staff members will instruct participants in safety and theft prevention. Nonetheless muggings, theft, assaults, kidnapping, and other forms of violent crime are possible in the urban setting of Trujillo, Huanchaco, and elsewhere in Peru.

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For the safety of the group and the participant, the undersigned participant must pay close attention to all instructions and briefings given by staff members. Should a participant engage in activities that, in the opinion of the MOCHE program director, place the participants, staff, or others in danger, **MOCHE reserves the right to**

**expel participants without a refund of fees.** Dangerous behavior includes but is not limited to using, purchasing, or attempting to purchase illegal drugs; use or attempted use of hallucinogenic drugs including but not limited to San Pedro cactus and ayahuasca; use or possession of weapons; purchasing or attempting to purchase antiquities; theft or attempted theft of artifacts or ecofacts from the project or other archaeological sites; public drunkenness or excessive drinking; disregard for Peruvian laws; disregard for instructions, rules, and safety guidelines set by the field school staff; disrespect to Peruvian citizens or Peruvian authorities; and any other activities or conduct deemed inappropriate by the director of the field school.

In the event that the undersigned participant requires medical care or is evacuated from Peru for any reason, the undersigned participant agrees to pay for all costs connected with such medical care or evaluation from Peru. **Before their depart for Peru, participants are required to provide proof that they have medical insurance, including coverage for medically assisted evacuation to the USA from Peru.**

Participants should be aware that itineraries may change due to environmental or other mitigating circumstances. MOCHE reserves the right to cancel the program prior to departure, in which case, the participant's entire payment of program fees shall be refunded, constituting full settlement to the participant. **Should a participant cancel for any reason prior to the departure date or during the program they shall not be refunded any program fees.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION**

For and in consideration of the undersigned's participation in the MOCHE Field School in Bioarchaeology, the undersigned does hereby acknowledge and assume all risks inherent in participation in program activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to, those previously described above. The undersigned participant does hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless MOCHE, its officers, directors, employees, and agents, and the owner and operator of any premises or vehicle entered during the course of the program, from any loss, damage, injury, or liability (including legal expenses and attorney's fees incurred in defending any claims) arising from the undersigned's participation in the program. The foregoing release and indemnification shall be applicable to liability arising from the undersigned participant's willful, wanton, reckless, or gross negligence, or to any conduct which constitutes an intentional wrongful act. **I also certify that prior to my departure for Peru I will provide MOCHE proof of purchase of medical insurance that includes coverage for medically assisted evacuation to the USA from Peru for the duration of the program.**

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PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE      DATE      PRINT NAME

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