SCOV HIKING CLUB POLICIES

Adopted by the Sun City Oro Valley Hiking Club Board of Directors on March 1, 2023.

1. The minimum number of hikers in the group is four, with the following exception:

Three-person hikes will be allowed, at the discretion of the guide, but only if all of the following conditions apply:

- a) The hike occurs during May through September when many club members are away from Sun City.
- b) The hike is rated D or E, unless it is a golf course hike.
- c) Standard orientation hikes have no minimum.
- 2. The <u>Fall Picnic</u> will be held on the first Tuesday of November.
- 3. The <u>Spring Picnic</u> will be held on the last Tuesday of February.
- 4. The <u>Annual Meeting</u> will be held in conjunction with the <u>Wine & Cheese</u> party which will be held on the last Saturday of March.
- 5. The New Year's Eve hikes/picnic will be held on December 31^{st.}
- 6. The Club will <u>reimburse guides</u> for the State Trust Land passes.
- 7. <u>Guests</u> are allowed on Hiking Club hikes provided the guest is accompanied by the sponsor member, has signed the separate Liability Waiver, and meets the same

- requirements of club participants. (Hiking Club members have first priority).
- 8. The HC's Liability Waiver must be signed by both members and guests and will be permanently archived by the HC.
- 9. <u>Pets, firearms, and smoking</u> are not allowed on HC hikes or at other HC activities.
- 10. <u>Talking on cell phones</u> is restricted for emergencies only on HC hikes.
- 11. <u>Club dues</u> paid in October, November, or December will also cover the following calendar year. If dues for an existing member are paid late (in February, March, or later in the year), a \$5.00 penalty will be imposed.
- 12. <u>First Aid</u> courses and kits will be provided for the Guides at the club's expense.
- 13. <u>Non-Residents</u> must take the Orientation Hike to become a Member, the same as residents.
- 14. Hike Trip Mileage sheets will be retained for two years.
- 15. No hikes are to be scheduled on Clean-Up days.
- 16. The Hiker Handbook will be distributed at the end of a successful orientation conclusion.
- 17. <u>Medical Emergency Forms/Tags</u> provided by the HC should be carried at all times by members while hiking.

- 18. <u>SCOV Renters</u> are considered residents when applying for club membership.
- 19. <u>If a Former Club Member</u> has a lapsed membership of two or more years, that person is considered a new member and therefore is required to take the orientation hike.
- 20. If the <u>number of slots available to non-residents</u> has been met, the Orientation Hiking Guides are notified by the Membership Manager and non-residents are no longer accepted on the Orientation hike.