



Adopt-A-Road Program Agreement

WHEREAS, DESOTO COUNTY, Mississippi (hereafter DeSoto County) has implemented an Adopt-A-Road Program to facilitate the monitoring and collecting of litter and debris which appears on the roadway of DeSoto County Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of DeSoto County have requested the implementation of said program and have offered to participate in said program; and,

WHEREAS, DeSoto County, Mississippi, desires to allow the citizens of DeSoto County, Mississippi, to participate in said program with the understanding said participation is solely voluntary and that the participation does not in any way constitute the employment of said participants by DeSoto County, not does it create any type of joint venture, partnership or other affiliation or association between the participants and DeSoto County; and,

WHEREAS, said participants have agreed to hold DeSoto County harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or otherwise that may arise out of the undersigned participant's participation in said program.

NOW, THEREFORE, DeSoto County does hereby allow the undersigned participant to participate in the DeSoto County Adopt-A-Road Program and the said undersigned participant does hereby agree to hold DeSoto County harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or otherwise which will result or arise out of the undersigned participant's participation in the Adopt-A-Road Program. The undersigned participant further agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the roads and to at all times while participating in the Adopt-A-Road be cognizant of other participants as well as other members of the public exercising their use of the roads of DeSoto County and avoid any hazardous condition or otherwise dangerous condition while they are participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Participant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____



DeSoto County Adopt-A-Road

CLEANUP & SAFETY PROCEDURES

(Cleanup & Safety Procedures MUST be reviewed with the entire group prior to EVERY cleanup event.)

1. All participants must be aware that working along a public road may be hazardous and that strict adherence to these procedures is required.
2. Groups with members less than 16 years old must be supervised by adults 18 years or older (1 adult for every 10 participants under age 16.) All participants MUST be at least 13 years old.
3. Large groups should be divided into teams of 12 or fewer members. A Team Leader must be designated for each team.
4. Cleanup attire should consist of light-colored clothing and long sleeves, heavy glove, and sturdy-soled footwear.
5. Litter pickup may be performed only during daylight hours and in good weather conditions.

AVOID PEEK TRAFFIC HOURS

ABANDON ACTIVITY IN THE EVENT THAT WEATHER TURNS INCLIMATE DURING A CLEANUP.

6. Participants MUST meet a designated area outside their cleanup area to review Cleanup & Safety Procedures.
7. After reviewing Cleanup and Safety Procedures, participants should carpool to the cleanup area. Park as far off the road as possible.
8. Group members must arrive on site wearing their orange/yellow green safety vests, and are required to wear the safety vests at all times during a cleanup.
9. Upon arrival at your designated section of the road, the safety warning signs must be affixed to the Adopt-A-Road sign. Do not forget to remove them at the end of cleanup.
10. Teams must work facing oncoming traffic at all times. Stay away from construction sites, county maintenance activities, bridges, ramps, and intersections.
11. Cleanup activities should be performed off the roadway only. Avoid performing cleanup activities in the roadway itself.
12. Appoint a spotter to observe traffic conditions when working near roadway, or a narrow shoulder.
13. If emergency vehicles come into your area, remember that cars will be pulling onto the shoulder area to let them pass – move out of their way in advance and give them space to do so.
14. Trash bags should not be overfilled. Tie bags securely using the top portion of the bag. Place bags beside the shoulder where they will not be hit.

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15. Never pick up or handle discarded car batteries, animal carcasses, potentially dangerous/hazardous materials or any object that appears questionable. Team Leaders should report these items to the Group Leader.
16. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at all times.
17. Never distract motorists with horseplay or abrupt, erratic movements.
18. Team Leaders (along with the Group Leader) are responsible for ensuring compliance with Clean up & Safety Procedures. In addition, they are responsible for posting and retrieving the warning signs, assigning spotters where necessary and reporting hazardous materials to the Group Leader.
19. The Group Leader should discuss the following:
 - The location of the nearest hospital and first aid kit
 - Hazards observed along the cleanup route
 - Drink plenty of fluids and protection from the sun
 - Avoid poisonous plants
 - Any other hazards that may be encountered

DeSoto County will provide:

- Bags to collect trash
- Orange/yellow green safety vests
- Devices to pick up litter (trash grabbers)
- Adopting organization's name placed on roadside sign
- Safety warning signs

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