

KATAHDIN STORY BOOTH PROJECT

Agreement to Participate

Introduction

This form provides information about the Katahdin Story Booth Project and explains what is expected of participants. At the end you will be asked to sign a statement showing that you agree to participate. Please read this form carefully and ask any questions you may have before signing.

Project Description

The Katahdin Story Booth Project is designed to help residents of the Katahdin Region tell their life stories in their own words, to share with each other and preserve this knowledge for future generations. In addition to recording residents' stories, we hope to create public exhibits or other materials based on the interviews. In this way, we intend to share our stories with a wider audience, to help others learn about and appreciate our past and present way of life.

Project Partners

The project is a partnership between several community organizations in the greater Katahdin region, led by the Millinocket Memorial Library. Financial and other support comes from the Maine Folklife Center, the National Park Service, and a GrowSmart Maine "Making Headway in Your Community" grant. Project leaders include staff from these organizations along with volunteer story technicians from local communities.

What is Involved in the Interview

You will be interviewed by someone who has accompanied you, or by a story technician. Topics are up to you and the interviewer, but we are especially interested in hearing stories about life in your community and the surrounding area, including the outdoors. You can talk about your childhood, going to school, raising a family, what you do (or did) for work or hobbies, sports and recreation, or any other memories that occur to you and that you want to preserve. If you have a family member or friend with you, you can decide together what subjects you would like to talk about. The story technician can also give you a list of possible questions. The interview should last about an hour.

Photographs and Memorabilia

You (and your interviewer) will be photographed, with permission, as a record of your participation. You may also bring photos or other items you wish to talk about. The story technician may be able to scan or photograph items for the project, if you wish.

How the Information Will be Used

Audio recordings and photos from the interviews will be held at the Millinocket Memorial Library. They may be used to create community exhibits, books, online exhibits, or other products, as decided by participating communities. Eventually all project materials may be archived at the University of Maine or other location for preservation.

Legal Statements

Because this project is supported in part by the University of Maine, certain legal statements have to be included on this form. This also helps to ensure that your rights as a participant are protected.

1. Costs and Risks of Participation

The only cost to participate in this project is your time and effort. Some questions or topics might make you uncomfortable, however. If so, you may choose not to answer, ask that a question be re-phrased, or take your time before answering. While there are no specific risks to participation, all interview material could be seen by members of your community, and by others.

2. Protection of Privacy

The purpose of this project is to record personal life stories for the purposes of sharing these with others both within and outside the region. For this reason, we cannot guarantee protection of privacy of your identity or interview material. Your participation means that you accept these terms.

3. Right to Withdraw from Project

Your participation in this project is completely voluntary. You may withdraw from this project at any time, for any reason, with no repercussions.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above form (or had it read to me) and understand the purpose of this project. I agree to be interviewed and to allow my voice, words, and photo(s) to be used for exhibits, publications or other products, and to be archived at one or more locations, with no legal restrictions.

Interviewee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name (print): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email [optional]: _____

Interviewer Signature: _____ Date _____

Full Name (print): _____ Phone: _____

Email [optional]: _____

Contact Information

Should you need more information at any time, please contact one of the following:

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