



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ**

- **PLEASE READ ALL PAGES IN THIS PACKAGE AND ALL SIGNATURE FIELDS ARE SIGNED AND DATED.**
- **ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF STORMSCAPE TOURS WILL REVIEW THIS DATA**
- **PLEASE PRINT TWO COPIES OF THESE FORMS AND KEEP ONE FOR YOUR RECORDS.**
- **IF THESE FORMS ARE NOT COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO STORMSCAPE TOURS 30 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED TOUR. YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE CLOSED AND NO REFUNDS WILL BE OFFERED.**

## **SEND INFORMATION TO:**

**[stormvideoman@yahoo.com](mailto:stormvideoman@yahoo.com)**

**Or**

**Michael Phelps PO Box 1382 Hiram, Georgia U.S.A. ZIP: 30141**

**For questions contact us at (404)202-6317**



### **A Message from Mike Phelps, Owner of StormScape Tours.**

We'd like to thank you for choosing StormScape Tours. Our goal is to provide our chase tour partners the time of their lives and to experience the best that Mother Nature has to offer on active weather chase days. And on those occasional "down days", we'll show you the best local attractions such as national and state parks, natural landmarks and points of interest. Every day is filled with activity. No sitting around hotel rooms on a StormScape Tour. And you are NOT just a customer to us; you are a true chase partner. Everyone has a role on active chase days. We'll show you what to look for in severe weather and you'll be a true storm spotter. Below is some information to make your adventure easier. If you have any questions, please email Mike Phelps at [stormvideoman@yahoo.com](mailto:stormvideoman@yahoo.com) or call (404)202-6317. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **What to Bring**

Please pack lightly as luggage space is limited. Many of the hotels we select have self-serve laundry facilities and most towns have Laundromats. Weather in the plains tends to be warm and humid (75-90F) during chase season so bring cool, comfortable clothing. We also may visit mountain areas so one sweatshirt/light jacket would be wise. Bring any prescription medications you need. Bring a camera, of course, and don't forget the charger or extra batteries. As for cell phones, bring them along but be aware that in remote areas the signal may be weak or non-existent. Our chase vehicles do not have the capability to provide plug-ins to recharge phones or cameras so be diligent in your battery use. And most important, bring your sense of adventure.

### **What Does My Tour Cover**

Your tour cost covers everything but airfare to and from the departure city, food, drinks, souvenirs, laundry costs and any additional sundry items you may need.



### **About Tour & Chase Vehicles**

The tour van is equipped with the latest computer and weather radar sites to help us with chasing. We will be live streaming every day on the tour, including audio and interactive chat. Please be mindful that everybody watching the live stream can most likely hear what you're saying. A cooler for snacks and drinks will most likely be on board. If a second vehicle is needed on tour, walkie-talkies will be used to communicate. All chase partners will rotate seats in the chase vehicle(s) daily so everyone will be able to ride "shotgun" next to Mike at least once.

### **Where Do We Stay On Tour**

We stay in major chain hotels (Super 8, Quality Inn etc) or independent motels where SSL staff has stayed before while chasing. We do not provide smoking rooms, and any penalties incurred for a guest smoking in a non-smoking room will be the sole responsibility of the guest.

### **StormScape Tour Policies**

- Minimum age is 18 unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- No illegal drugs or alcohol are allowed in tour vehicles (except prescription drugs that you have listed on the waiver)
- If you choose to drink "after hours" please be responsible and do not let it affect the enjoyment of others on tour.
- StormScape Tours staff reserve the right to dismiss anyone from the tour early based on personal conduct that affects the safety or enjoyment of the tour guests or SSL staff WITHOUT REFUNDS.
- Smoking or smokeless tobacco is not allowed on any StormScape Tour. Thank you for not smoking on tour.

We'd like to thank you for choosing StormScape Tours.



### **What Happens On a Tour?**

As everyone settles in at the hotel for the first evening, tour staff will evaluate the next day's chase possibilities and let everyone know when we will depart the next morning, usually 9 or 10am depending on how far we need to drive. Most of the time, we will not stay at the same hotel two or more nights in a row so give yourself plenty of time to re-pack your bags. In the morning, a possible target chase area will be chosen. Breakfast is usually what the hotel provides or a drive-thru on the go meal. If time permits, we may stop at a store to stock up on snacks and drinks for the day. Remember, you are a chase partner and spotter. If you see something we don't, let us know. We'll explain why we're going to an area, what to look for as the day progresses and the different radars we use. And, PLEASE, ask us questions.

Once we get to the chase area, we'll reevaluate the data. We usually stop at a place with restroom facilities but any stops on the road are brief so please plan accordingly. A majority of the time on a chase is driving, and then waiting. Watching the radar and the sky. It is a chess game with Mother Nature, staying a few moves ahead and anticipating the next move.

Lunch and dinner are almost always on-the-go on active chase days but are never guaranteed. A chase can last 12 hours a day or more and be physically demanding. A main SSL goal is to inform and teach about storm structure, spotting, sky analysis and the tools used to make those decisions. A staff member will choose and book that night's hotel during the afternoon.

On non-chase days, tour staff will choose area sites (state or national parks, points of interest) to visit.



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF READING AND UNDERSTANDING**

These policies are guides to help you learn more about StormScape Tours, your responsibilities, benefits, and privileges as you enjoy your Tour with us.

StormScape Tours reserves the right to change, correct, modify, or revoke any policies with appropriate notice.

This is to acknowledge that I have read the tour documents and by signing this Receipt of Notice Form, I agree to follow all policies. Failure to return this document 30 days prior to your tour departure date will result in non-compliance of the tour agreement and NO REFUND WILL BE ISSUED.

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**Print Your Full Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**



## TOUR AGREEMENT

- During the tour with StormScape Tours, (henceforth termed SST), **I UNDERSTAND** that I am responsible for providing for my own meals, snacks, drinks, and incidental costs of the tour such as souvenirs, sundry items and self serve laundry costs.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that it is my responsibility to cover the costs of transportation to Denver/Calgary/Boston before the start of the tour, and from Denver/Calgary/Boston once the tour is completed.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that the cost of the FIRST and LAST night of lodging is my responsibility.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that smoking, smokeless tobacco and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the tour vehicles at all times. Any sign of intoxication or drug use will not be tolerated and will be subject to dismissal from the tour without a refund. Smoking rooms will not be provided during the tour and any hotel penalty charges for smoking incurred by SST will be the sole responsibility of the guest.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that tour vehicles cannot be used for a taxi service during evening non-chase or tour hours. You are responsible for your own transportation during after evening chase hours for personal entertainment. Tour vehicles will only be driven by SST employees.

This is to acknowledge that I have read the Tour Agreement and by signing this Receipt of Notice Form, I agree to follow all policies. Failure to return this document 30 days prior to your tour departure date will result in non-compliance of the tour agreement and NO REFUND WILL BE ISSUED.

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**SIGNATURE AND DATE**



## ASSUMPTION OF RISK

- **I ACKNOWLEDGE** that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the tour provided by SST, and I am participating with full knowledge of the hazards involved in such participation. Even though SST strives for a safe and enjoyable tour, I am aware that storm-chasing can be inherently dangerous, and involves a risk of injury, death, and property damage or loss. Potential hazards include, but are not limited to: Traffic accidents, hydroplaning, floods, flying objects, hail, wind (tornadic or otherwise), lightning, mental trauma, poor road conditions, biting/stinging insects/animals, and negligence of other storm chasers. Also, I am not obligated to render aid to injured and/or trapped persons as a result of any severe weather event. If I do volunteer to render aid to any public victim or guest of the SST tour due to a severe weather event, I will not hold SST responsible for any injuries that I may incur.
- **I UNDERSTAND, AGREE and ACCEPT** that the types of weather conditions I will expose myself to are always changing, unpredictable, and possibly life-threatening. I am aware that medical facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time I am participating on the tour. In order to partake of the enjoyment of this tour, I am fully willing to accept these risks as being an unavoidable part of the adventure.
- **I CERTIFY** that I have -no- medical condition which I have not brought to the attention of SST prior to the start of the tour, which would put me at unreasonable risk or others in the vehicle by participating in the tour. Such conditions may include, **BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO**, heart conditions or heart disease, conditions which cause seizures or fits, leg cramps from sitting for three hours or more at a time, psychological ailments such as anxiety or phobias, and environmental sensitivities such as severe allergies. **I CERTIFY** that I have disclosed to SST every known condition that might expose myself or other tour members to potential injury or harm.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that the practice of 'storm-chasing' is an unpredictable endeavor and that the possibility exists that there will be no storm activity in the central plain states (tornado alley) during the tour. Moreover, **I UNDERSTAND** that there may be storm activity which is occurring but which is inaccessible for a variety of reasons, such as poor road conditions, topography, or lack of daylight. Chase times are generally from 9am to 10pm.
- **I AGREE** that I have been given no assurance, express or implied, that I will witness any storm activity, tornadic or otherwise.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK (CONTINUED)**

- **I AGREE** that I have been given no assurance, express or implied, that I will witness any storm activity, tornadic or otherwise.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that storm chasing can involve a lot of daily driving. We will accommodate quick stops for snacks, food, and bathroom breaks as periodically needed by guests but our primary goal is to get to weather "hot spots" by the late afternoon.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that the amount of money paid for the tour is non-refundable regardless of the amount of storm activity witnessed.
- **I UNDERSTAND** comfortable, safe, and clean lodging will be chosen each night by the tour operator(s) in charge. Budget type chain motels or lodging that SST has utilized in the past will be chosen
- **I UNDERSTAND** my picture may be taken during filming of weather events. I give permission to SST to use my picture on the website and in promotional materials if needed.
- **I AGREE** that any and all disputes or controversies which may arise by, through, or under this agreement between SST and me will be submitted to binding third party arbitration upon the request of any party to the dispute.
- **I UNDERSTAND** that this agreement to arbitrate cannot be waived by any action/inaction of any party and that by agreeing to arbitrate disputes I am waiving my right to jury trial.
- **I AGREE** that the decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final.

This is to acknowledge that I have read the ASSUMPTION OF RISK DOCUMENT and by signing this Receipt of Notice Form, I agree to follow all policies.

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**Print Your Full Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**



## **MODEL RELEASE FORM**

In consideration of my engagement as a model, upon the terms herewith stated, I hereby give to StormScapeLIVE.TV, LLC and MICHAEL PHELPS (from here known as PHOTOGRAPHER) his/her heirs, legal representatives and assigns, those for whom the photographer is acting, and those acting with his/her authority and permission:

- the unrestricted right and permission to copyright and use, re-use, publish, and republish photographic portraits or pictures of me or in which I may be included intact or in part, composite or distorted in character or form, without restriction as to changes or transformations in conjunction with my own or a fictitious name, or reproduction hereof in color or otherwise, made through any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever.
- I grant the photographer and their legal representatives and assigns, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and videos of me, or in which I may be included, for editorial trade, advertising and any other purpose and in any manor and medium; and to alter the same without restriction.
- I hereby relinquish any right that I may have to examine or approve the completed product or products or the advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith or the use to which it may be applied. I hereby release, discharge and agree to save harmless [photographer], his/her heirs, legal representatives or assigns, and all persons functioning under his/her permission or authority, or those for whom he/she is functioning, from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said picture or in any subsequent processing thereof, as well as any publication thereof, including without limitation any claims for libel or invasion of privacy.
- I hereby affirm that I am over the age of majority and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read the above authorization, release and agreement, prior to its execution; I fully understand the contents thereof. This agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
- I hereby give permission to [photographer] to use photographs and video of me in any way to promote the company. I also give permission for me to be filmed on LIVE television during the tour.



This is to acknowledge that I have read the MODEL RELEASE FORM and by signing this Receipt of Notice Form, I agree to follow all policies listed in the document.

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**Print Your Full Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media: Facebook ( ) Twitter ( ) How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY YOUR PRIMARY EMERGENCY CONTACT**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST ANY PERScription MEDICATION YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING**

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**KNOWN FOOD ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

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*All information received by StormScape Tours is held in strict confidence. StormScape Tours reserves the right to reject any individual, whose behavior could endanger other passengers or could disrupt tour operations. Alcoholic Drinks and Smoking are prohibited in tour vans. Further information on tours can be found at [www.stormscapelive.tv](http://www.stormscapelive.tv)*