ARTICLE I – Name of Organization

This club shall be named the “Behrend Outdoors Club” of the Behrend College of the Pennsylvania State University.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be to organize outings in various recreational activities such as snow skiing, rock climbing, camping, hiking, canoeing, biking, and any other outdoor interests.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Any student of the Behrend College of the Pennsylvania State University, experienced or non-experienced in outdoor activities, interested in participating in club activities, and willing to abide by this constitution is by their consent of affiliation a member of this club.

ARTICLE IV – Rights and Responsibilities of Members

SEC. 1 – The right to participate in any activity sponsored or made available to the club, providing the maximum number of participants for that activity has not been filled.

SEC. 2 – The responsibility to maintain safety standards, University policies, and state regulations during participation in activities.

SEC. 3 – The responsibility to act in accordance with any rules and safety regulations placed on them by the club’s leaders.

SEC. 4 – The right to give any input on preference of activities and any other suggestions for the betterment of the club.

SEC. 5 – The right to vote in all decisions brought before the club.

SEC. 6 – The right to attend all meetings held by the club.

SEC. 7 – The club will provide opportunities for members to become leaders in a certain activity. This may include necessary certification, training, and experience in this area or activity.
ARTICLE V – Officers

The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also, any advisor must be a faculty/staff member.

ARTICLE VI – Officers’ Powers and Duties

SEC. 1 - The President shall organize the Outdoors Club and oversee all functions in which the club is involved. He or she shall appoint chair people to organize activities.

SEC. 2 – The Vice President shall assist the President in all his or her responsibilities.

SEC. 3 – The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of all minutes and handling of all correspondence.

SEC. 4 – The Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of all monetary transactions.

ARTICLE VII – Elections

SEC. 1 – The Officers, excluding the President, shall be elected by the third week of the Fall semester by a majority vote of the members present.

SEC. 2 – The President shall be elected the week before the last week of the Spring semester by a majority vote of the members present.

SEC. 3 – The officers shall be elected for the academic year.

SEC. 4 – In the event of an officer vacancy during the academic year, a new officer shall be voted in by a majority vote of the members present and this shall be done within two club meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – Meetings

SEC. 1 – Meetings shall be held at a time chosen by the club.

SEC. 2 – All meetings shall be open.

SEC. 3 – Special meetings may be called by the President as needed.
ARTICLE IX – Fees and Fundraising

SEC. 1 – Fees for individual events shall be collected before each event.

SEC. 2 – Refunds shall be the discretion of the President and his/her decision of this must be stated before each event.

SEC. 3 – Fundraising activities may be planned, organized, advertised, and executed by members under the supervision of the Vice President.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

SEC. 1 – This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of club members.

SEC. 2 – Amendments may be proposed by any member of the club.

SEC. 3 – The proposal must be submitted to the President in a written form.

ARTICLE XI – Objectives

SEC. 1 – To develop proficiency in outdoor recreational skills, and a strong sense of safety awareness in all areas of outdoor activities and events.

SEC. 2 – To help our environment and community through acts of service.

SEC. 3 – To learn to have a deeper respect for the natural environment that is around us.

SEC. 4 – To bring together people and gain friendships with those who enjoy outdoor activities.

SEC. 5 – To promote leadership skills and self development through participation in club activities.