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**Joining the Sun Lovers Under Gray Skies (SLUGS) opens the door to a world of Naturist fun.** You become a member of a community of people with family friendly values towards healthy body acceptance. Learn, share, and experience a better quality of life through social nude recreation.

### Members get these benefits:

- I. Tools to discover your new Naturist world
  - Membership Card, good for discounts and access to events. [Includes website, User ID & Password]
  - Exclusive Website access; archives of newsletters, directions, educational and fun resources.
  - Newsletters. Our publication: The SlimeTrail, has fun reports on the club's activities, promotes future events, and covers topics important to our community. Written by our members!
- II. Community
  - Access to our Email discussions on Facebook and Yahoo! News, event details, and NW- friends.
  - Introduction to the great communities at our local nudist parks and joint events with other clubs.
  - Need help with a shy spouse? Afraid you are too: old/young/big/small/etc... you are not alone.
- III. Education
  - Learn about benefits of Naturism. Why clothing can be dangerous to our health.
  - Discover what our region has to offer:. Local Resorts, Spas, and free recreation opportunities.
  - Access to the leading authorities in Naturism in the Pacific Northwest.
- IV. Recreation Opportunities
  - Hikes for all levels of hikers, Camping, Resort Retreats, Spa Parties, and monthly Sauna Nights
  - Weekend Get-A-Ways: San Juan Islands, Leavenworth, Oregon Coast, and up to Canada too.
  - Fun in the sun! Swimming, picnics, potlucks, and sports from naked kite flying to volleyball.

Wow, that is a lot offer for \$20 a year. We can offer this because the SLUGS is a non-profit community of people like you, that want to share effort and resources to enjoy events and activities that an individual could not facilitate on their own. We are a collective of volunteers. The event ideas come from our members, and we work together to foster these ideas until they become an activity to enjoy. The SLUGS is truly a club owned by the members. The Board of Directors for the SLUGS are simply members helping to guide the club and manage the basic structural necessities of the organization.

Because we are community that works towards a common goal, we want to provide a safe and comfortable space for our members to enjoy. To accomplish this, **we do a background check** on members to prevent dangerous offenders from joining the club. But our goal is to be a welcoming community to the widest range of people & cultures, and thus **we do not discriminate** on the basis of age, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, education, nor just about any other group you can think of. If we can agree that nude recreation in a social, family friendly, environment is desirable, healthy and should be recognized as everybody's legal right, then we want you to share in our community. Learn more about us on the next page. Please keep these pages for your reference when you submit the form.

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## Some basic tenets about the SLUGS.

### *A Non-Landed Naturist Activities Club*

The SLUGS do not own physical or real property on which to participate in the practice of Naturism. We visit public or private lands or other nudist/naturist clubs which do own land for the enjoyment of naturism. Not every activity is nude. We enjoy nude recreation when the environment permits it.

### *We expect you to take personal responsibility for yourself*

Many of our members like to participate in outdoor events/activities that have the potential of harm to the individual because of travel, physical exertion, or other causes. We expect you to take reasonable precautions to prevent any harm befalling you when participating in these activities. Also, you are solely responsible for: your transportation to/from events, even when carpooling with other club members, any and all expenses you incur, such as fees; any entry level requirements from other clubs; any equipment needed by you to participate in the event/activity; any injuries or damages to your vehicle or your equipment incurred traveling to, during, or traveling from the event or activity.

### *Organization of activities and staying informed*

Events & activities planned by the SLUGS will primarily be posted online. They are also reported in the SLUGS newsletter: *The SlimeTrail*. Members may attend any of the scheduled events that they wish, subject to R.S.V.P. and event size limitations. Every member is encouraged to volunteer to host or help coordinate an event or activity. Only in this way can we offer a wide range of activities and attend other organizations' events. Any member wishing to participate in an activity should contact the Host or Coordinator and they will provide instructions for participating in the activity. If you wish to host an activity, but are unsure of what is needed, please contact the Board of Directors, who will be pleased to assist you. It can be as easy as posting an idea for an activity (like a hike) in our online Yahoo group.

## SLUGS Rules of Conduct

A community is most enjoyable when we interact as friends. As a Non-Landed Club, the actions shown by our members reflect upon our image as a club wherever we go. Our continued good relationship with other organizations, as well as how we function as a community, is totally dependent upon each of us to act respectfully towards others. Conduct is expected to be of the highest standards and must at all times be appropriate for a family setting. Respect the rules of any club or organization that you may be visiting. Know and obey the law. Behave responsibly. Treat the people you encounter with respect and friendliness. When in doubt, ask other members what the etiquette is for a situation or location.

**Not acceptable at our events:** use of drugs, narcotics, illegal substances, nor is excessive alcohol consumption and/or drunkenness. Abusive language, rude or crude behavior, overtly sexual behavior, or advances of an unwelcome or unwanted nature will not be tolerated. No conduct that is legally criminal. Firearms and other weapons are not allowed unless the activity is specifically geared towards them.

**Conditional use:** Photography or use of a video camera requires prior permission and may **not** be independently posted online without a signed model release. Understand that most landed clubs are adamant about no photography of any kind without their prior arrangement and approval. Violations can lead to a permanent ban for their premises and possible loss of equipment. (such as film & memory cards)

**Note:** SLUGS media including the newsletter and travelogue videos may include members' images from events. These are made available to our members and viewable from the members-only section of the website. The SLUGS do our best to protect our members from having their nude image exploited, however, we cannot guarantee anonymity. We do not post nude pictures in our online forums.

# Sun Lovers Under Gray Skies

## Release and Indemnity Agreement

The following is a release and indemnity agreement which is required of all members and guests of SLUGS participating in SLUGS events/activities. Those without completed forms will be asked to leave and forgo participation.

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state intent to participate in events/activities offered by the SLUGS, a non-profit organization.

I recognize that that any event/activity including but not limited to the hazards involving:

- traveling on the highways and/or waterways;
- participating in physical activities, such as hiking, running, swimming, volleyball;
- camping and hiking in remote sites and/or extreme environments;
- having accidents or becoming ill in remote places;
- the actions of participants, other persons; and/or forces of nature; are all taken at my own risk, and in no way will hold the SLUGS, event host, or activity facilitator responsible for any claim.

I agree to RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY the SLUGS, its officers and board of directors and its members from any and all liability, claims and cause of action arising out of or in any way connected with my participation, or the participation of any minor that I am signing on behalf of, in any events/activities offered by the SLUGS.

I personally assume all risks for myself and any minor I sign on behalf of. The terms of this agreement shall serve as a release and indemnity agreement for my heirs, personal representative, and for all members of my family, including any minors. (Parents or legal guardians must sign for all persons under eighteen (18) years of age.)

I have read this release and indemnity agreement and have fully informed myself of its contents before I have signed it.

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Signature of Participant

Date

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Signature of parent/guardian for participant(s) under eighteen (18) years of age.

Date

**Document to be filed with SLUGS Membership Officer.  
Signed waiver must accompany membership application.**

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You can apply online at <https://slimetrail.org/slugs-application/> (Preferred method)

Or – fill in this form and send a copy of it and your picture id (license) to [membership@slimetrail.org](mailto:membership@slimetrail.org). To send payment:

- Use a Paypal account and send to [membership@slimetrail.org](mailto:membership@slimetrail.org).
- Send an email to [membership@slimetrail.org](mailto:membership@slimetrail.org) to request an invoice that can be paid by Credit Card.
- You can send a check with your information to  
SLUGS  
5319 231<sup>st</sup> Ave SE  
Issaquah, WA 98029

You are encouraged to join one or both of the larger nudist organizations. These organizations work to promote nudism and give you discounts at most nudist resorts and parks. For discounted membership fees, you can join these organizations through the SLUGs.

SLUGS Membership	\$20.00	
AANR Membership <a href="http://www.aanr.com">http://www.aanr.com</a>	\$49.00	
TNS Membership or Senior TNS Membership <a href="http://www.naturistsociety.com">http://www.naturistsociety.com</a>	\$74.00 \$64.00	
Total		

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Name:

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Date of Birth:

Driver's License and State:

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Email Address:

Telephone

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Mailing Address:

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City, State and Zip

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I hereby apply for membership in the Sun Lovers Under Gray Skies (aka SLUGS) membership non-landed naturist club and consent to a background check:

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Signature and date