

Gemini South Visitor's Safety Information

Hola,

For your personal safety, please read this entire safety policy and information bulletin. Your **signature on the last page** acknowledges that you have read and understood the contents of this safety document. **(Parents or legal guardians of minors age 18 and younger must also request and sign a Gemini Minors' Release Form for each child on the tour.)**

Please submit a **signed** Gemini Release Form for **everyone** entering a Gemini summit facility either electronically or to your tour guide 24 hours in advance of your tour. All forms must be submitted before leaving sea-level.

The Gemini Observatory consists of two telescope facilities operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc. (AURA). The Gemini South telescope is on Cerro Pachón in Chile at an elevation of approximately 9,000 ft. (2,700 meters) and the Gemini North telescope is at an elevation of approximately 14,000 ft. (4,200 meters) near the summit area of Mauna Kea in Hawai'i. Gemini works diligently to maintain a safe environment for staff and visitors, yet each person bears responsibility for their own safety.

Visiting the Gemini South telescope can pose personal health risks including potentially hazardous conditions and situations. All tour members are required to participate in a safety briefing that will provide additional details and warnings about visiting the facility.

During your visit our guests must remain with a designated guide and follow his/her instructions at all times. *Closed-toe*, sturdy (leather preferred) shoes are required. Jackets and warm clothing are recommended due to cold temperatures. Typically the interior of the telescope's dome will be cooled as low as zero degrees Celsius (32 degrees Fahrenheit).

Bienvenido and enjoy a safe visit,

GEMINI OBSERVATORY
Safety Leadership Team

Gemini South Release Form

AURA/GEMINI DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY FOR VISITORS TO THE GEMINI OBSERVATORY SUMMIT FACILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ALTITUDE OR FOR ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF OXYGEN, IF REQUIRED. IF YOU INTEND TO VISIT THE TELESCOPE SITE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE DECLARATION PROVIDED. YOU THEREFORE ASSUME ALL RISKS.

ACCEPTANCE:

- ❖ I have read and understand the Gemini Visitor's Safety Information document and further agree to abide by all safety regulations and the instructions of my guide.
- ❖ Further, I give my consent for Gemini Observatory personnel to administer oxygen to me in the event I should require it and from that action, I agree to hold harmless AURA/Gemini Observatory and its personnel.

PRINT NAME & ADDRESS:

Name

Address

SIGNATURE:

_____ DATE _____

DATE OF TOUR _____

Gemini South Minors' Release Form

A parent, legal guardian or a pre-approved chaperone must accompany a minor travelling to the summit area. In no case will a minor be allowed to ascend to the summit area without a signed consent form from his/her parents and/or legal guardian and unless accompanied by the appropriate adult as aforementioned.

CONSENT: I am the parent and/or legal guardian of _____

_____ and I have read this *Gemini South Visitor's Safety Information* and understand the risks associated with high altitude. I release AURA/Gemini Observatory and its personnel from any and all liability stemming from **any** consequence of my child or legal ward travelling to the Gemini Observatory.

PRINTED NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO MINOR

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE OF TOUR _____