

## Whitewater Kayaking Agreement and Release

Because of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact the Boy Scouts of America is an educational organization in which membership is voluntary, I hereby consent to my child's participation in the Northeast Georgia Council Whitewater Kayak Program on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand and accept that there are dangers in whitewater kayaking, and that, by participating in this whitewater kayaking activity, my child will be engaging in actions involving risk of injury that may result in death or permanent disability. Those dangers arise from natural forces as well as from human action or inaction on the part of the leaders, my child, other participants, and others not a part of our group. Such dangers include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Immersion in, or entrapment beneath, the water, which may not be prevented by a life jacket.
- Injuries to the head or spinal column from capsizing or swimming.
- Injuries from striking rocks or being caught between a boat and a rock in moving water.
- Dislocations or fractures caused by failure to employ proper technique.
- Injury due to slipping on wet or slick surfaces.
- Injury due to lightning, overexposure to cold water, or other natural forces.
- Injury due to unknown defects in equipment or materials.

Those dangers may be greater than the dangers involved in other Boy Scout activities. I also understand and accept that one of the risks to be oversight or error by the leaders of this activity, who might not foresee some of the dangers or who might not take actions that could reduce them. I further realize that my child's safety will depend in part on my child's judgment as well as the judgment of the leaders. While I accept the risk of bad judgment, I am satisfied that both the leaders and my child have sufficient capacity for good judgment.

Therefore, in consideration of my child's being allowed to participate in this adventure activity, I consent to his or her participation and agree to assume responsibility for all the foregoing risks and dangers. I understand that I may later withdraw this agreement by notifying the head whitewater instructor at any time before the river trip begins, and I agree to do so if at any time I am not satisfied with the safety precautions taken or with the level of risk involved in this activity.

I further agree to release and indemnify the Boy Scouts of America, the adult and youth staff of the whitewater program, the adult and youth participants in the program, the United States Forest Service, the American Canoe Association, and others associated with this activity for anything arising out of my child's participation, and I expressly release the above parties for any and all acts of ordinary negligence. I understand that a court of law may find I have waived my right to take legal action against the above parties. Further, if in any legal action by my child or me a court finds in favor of any of the above parties, I agree to pay all attorney's fees, costs, and damages incurred by the above parties.

In addition, I give permission for any adult accompanying the group in this activity to seek medical care for my child.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: home \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Health insurance company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

**On the reverse side, please list all medications your child is taking and all allergies that your child has. Also, please indicate if your child has a history of asthma, cardiac problems, back problems, shoulder dislocation, seizure disorder, or any other medical conditions you think we should know about.**