

RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of participating in the sport of paddling (i.e. canoeing/kayaking), and for other good and valuable consideration, I hereby agree to release and discharge from liability arising from negligence Friends of the Fox River and their respective successors, affiliates, co-organizers, and their respective owners, directors, officers, employees, agents, volunteers, participants, and all of their persons or entities acting for them (hereafter collectively referred to as "Releasees"), on behalf of myself and my children, parents, peers, assigns, personal representative and estate, and also agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that the sport of canoeing/kayaking involves known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis or permanent disability, death, and property damage. Risks include, but are not limited to, death as a result of drowning or brain damage caused by near drowning; broken bones, torn ligaments or strains as a result of falls while launching or exiting the water, or while carrying a canoe; medical conditions resulting from physical activity; and damaged clothing or other property. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated, despite the use of safety equipment, without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.
2. I expressly accept and assume all of the risks inherent in this activity or that might have been caused by the negligence of the Releasees. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I elect to participate despite the risks. In addition, if at any time I believe that event conditions are unsafe or that I am unable to participate due to physical or medical conditions, then I will immediately discontinue participation.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, or my use of their equipment or facilities, arising from negligence. This release does not apply to claims arising from intentional conduct. Should release fees or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorneys fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agreed to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
4. I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which should interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume -- and bear the costs of -- all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.
5. In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so solely in the state where the Releasees' facility is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply.
6. I grant full permission for Releasees to use for any legitimate reason, all photographs, videotapes, recordings, or any other record in which I or my likeness may appear, or my voice may be recorded. I understand that I am not entitled to any compensation or royalties related to the use or publication of my likeness or voice. I irrevocably authorize Friends of the Fox River or its affiliated event contractors, subcontractors, sponsors, or partner organizations, to edit, alter, copy, publish or distribute my likeness or voice for the purposes described above, and to do so without my prior inspection or approval of the finished product, including written or electronic copy.
7. If any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I agree that if I am hurt or my property was damaged during my participation in this activity, that I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.

I have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing period also, I understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release, and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain. **I have read and understand this document and agree to be bound by its terms.**

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date _____

(over for parent/guardian signature)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT
(must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name/names) being permitted to participate in this activity, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of a minor or are in any way connected with such participation by minor.

Parent/Guardian _____ **Print Name** _____ **Date** _____