

## **Agreement and Consent—Youth**

I understand that my child would benefit from participating in the Northeast Georgia Boy Scout Council's weekend whitewater kayak program, and I also understand that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational organization in which membership is voluntary. I consent to my child's participation in this program on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

I also understand and accept the following: (1) this whitewater kayaking program is an adventure activity that will expose my child to dangers that may be greater than the dangers in other Boy Scout activities; (2) my child will be engaging in actions that may result in injury, permanent disability, or death to himself/herself or others; (3) 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 non-participants; and (4) 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.

I also understand and accept that the leaders of this activity might make mistakes. I realize, for example, that they might not foresee dangers, or they might not take steps to reduce them. I further understand that my child's safety will depend in part on his or her own 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 will exercise good judgment.

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

I further agree to release and indemnify the following parties for anything arising out of my child's participation: the Boy Scouts of America; the adult and youth instructors, assistants, and participants in the program; the American Canoe Association; and all others associated with this activity. I expressly release the above parties for 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 me, a court finds in favor of any of the above parties, I agree to pay all attorneys' fees, costs, and damages.

In addition, I give permission for any adult in my child's group to seek medical care for my child.

Signed (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (participant) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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