

**UNCW ADVENTURE RECREATION PROGRAMS**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**  
**POOL CLINICS, WHITEWATER/OCEAN ACTIVITIES, KAYAK TOURING ACTIVITIES**

I understand and accept that whitewater/ocean paddling in a canoe, kayak or inflatable craft exposes me to numerous known and unanticipated risks which could result in personal injury, illness, death or damage to myself or my property. Some of the risks or factors creating risk include, but are not limited to the following:

- The hazards of travel in an inflatable craft, a canoe or kayak in rough water conditions
- Water hazards including boulders, trees and other obstacles, waterfalls, holes, reversals and other water formations
- Swimming/floating in unfamiliar and sometimes turbulent water
- Using paddles, ropes, and other paddling equipment
- Hiking or walking in rugged terrain including slippery rocks
- Injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles or plants
- Accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities
- Man-made objects in the river/ocean including but not limited to; ropes, bridge pilings, and metal junk
- Carrying, loading or unloading of inflatable craft, canoes, kayaks and other river/ocean equipment
- The forces of nature including lightning, weather changes, river/ocean level changes and others not named
- My physical condition, the physical exertion associated with paddling and swimming in whitewater/ocean
- Travel in a vehicle not driven by me

I agree to accept and assume all responsibility for and risk of personal injury, illness death or damage to myself, or my property arising from my participation in this whitewater / ocean activity. My participation is voluntary. I choose to participate in this whitewater/ocean activity in spite of these named and unnamed risks. I am solely responsible for deciding to participate in this activity, and am solely responsible for deciding what equipment to take, whether to scout or run any rapid and whether to participate in any rescue or recovery of equipment. I am solely responsible for deciding whether to participate in or continue on any river / ocean trip.

I understand my responsibility in decision-making. I agree to obey all Adventure Recreation Programs rules and regulations while participating in this whitewater/ocean activity.

I have carefully read and understand this Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk, I also understand that I will be asked to read carefully, understand and sign a separate Release of Liability.

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Participant's Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Parent or Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years of age)	Printed Name	Date
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**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relation to Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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### RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Acknowledgment of Risk and have agreed to its terms. I fully understand that there are certain elements of danger inherent in recreational activities, and that participating in a recreational activity could entail loss of life, personal injury, and loss of or damage to property.

I understand and agree that the terms "recreational activity" and "activity" as used herein encompass all aspects of the activity, including preliminary and subsequent matters such as, but not limited to getting outfitted for the activity, maintaining, repairing, loading and unloading boats, equipment or gear, and travel to and from the place of activity.

In consideration of Adventure Recreation Programs, furnishing services to enable me to participate in this activity, I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) Adventure Recreation Programs and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability or claims for any injury, illness, death, or damage to myself or my property arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this activity. This release and discharge specifically includes, but is not limited to, liability or claims based upon the ordinary negligent acts or omissions of Adventure Recreation Programs or its officers, agents or employees.

I further agree, promise and covenant not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain any claim against Adventure Recreation Programs or its officers, agents or employees, for any injury, illness, death or damage to myself or my property arising from or in any way connected with my participation in this activity.

In signing this document, I fully recognize that if injury, illness, death or damage occurs to me while I am engaged in this activity, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against UNCW, Adventure Recreation Programs, Campus Recreation or its officers, agents or employees, even if they or any of them negligently cause my injury, illness, death or damage, unless that negligence is gross or willful negligence.

I hereby grant UNCW Adventure Recreation Programs the right to use, for promotional purposes only, any photographs taken by them of me during my participation in their recreational activities.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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