

THE SAVAGE ADVENTURE RACE

3 HOURS- 6 HOURS - 12 HOURS: JUNE 4, 2017



ORGANIZED BY GOALS ADVENTURE RACING ASSOCIATION

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Thank you for registering for the Savage Adventure Race.
Below you will find race information and rules for the event. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Please read all the information carefully!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Race check in location ~ Race Start/Finish Area
Fields near Batsto Visitor Center: Wharton State Forest
31 Batsto Rd, Hammonton, NJ 08037

<https://goo.gl/maps/gEfQfcTbGcU2>

*****THE PARK CHARGES A \$5 PARKING FEE PER VEHICLE****

12 HOUR RACE

5:45-6:30 am : Race Check In

6:40 am: Team Meeting

7:00 am: Race Start

3 & 6 HOUR RACE

8:30am – 10:00am: Registration

9:30 am- Introduction to AR Clinic

10:15 am- Team Meeting

11:00 am – Race Start

The following will take place at check in:

- Registration confirmation and **signing of waivers** by all team members
 - Collection of USARA racing license fees : A day or year membership in the USARA (United States Adventure Racing Association) is required for any racer participating.
 - USARA single event license \$8.00 for each team member
 - USARA year long membership \$35.00 for each team member
 - Single event license or year membership fees must be made payable directly to the USARA. Please bring exact change or a separate check with you made payable to USARA. If you are already a USARA member, your membership card is required.
- **Collection of pledges** made to the Batsto Citizens Committee (benefits Wharton State Forest)
- We strongly encourage you to make every effort to raise pledge money for this worthy cause. Raising funds is very easy. You simply ask your friends, family, etc. to sponsor you in the event. They can donate any amount they wish. Checks should be made payable to The Batsto Citizens Committee.

Race Course Specifics

This is tick season. Please do a tick check when you finish the race and again when you get home. This is the best way to prevent Lyme Disease. Spraying permethrin on your clothing and applying a DEET containing insect repellent to your skin are recommended to keep ticks away.

PFDs and paddles will be provided, but personal PFDs and paddles are allowed. Three person teams may consider bringing a middle seat for the canoe. Sections of the Batsto and Mullica rivers narrow in locations and while canoe paddles are supplied by the race organization, personal kayak paddles may be used.

3h and 6h Races

- You will be given a map at check in with all race points on them. An opening activity (prologue) will determine if your team paddles, bikes, or does the foot section first.
- All CPs are each worth 1 point.
- CPs are designated as Foot, Bike, or Paddle and may only be collected during that leg.
- You will return to the main transition area between each leg.
- There is water available at the Visitor Center (potable) and out on course (use purification system).

12h Race:

- You will be working with 1:24000 topographical maps. Many CP's will be pre-plotted, but there will be a UTM plotting section in the race. While it is not mandatory to do these points, teams who opt out of this section will not be able to receive credit for those points. (hint---<http://goalsara.org/training/navigation-tips/>)
- All CPs are each worth 1 point.
- CPs are designated as Foot, Bike, or Paddle and may only be collected during that leg.
- You will return to the main transition area between each leg.
- There is water available at the Visitor Center (potable) and out on course (use purification system).
- Your own personal pfd is highly recommended. (we will supply if you don't have one)

General Rules:

- Teams are eligible to race when the team is fully registered & fee paid in full.
- Any failure to comply with mandatory safety precautions will trigger penalties or disqualification from the race.
- Each team will receive a race passport which must be carried with them throughout the entire course.
- The race director has the authority to alter the race course as he deems necessary. All teams will be notified of these changes if they occur.
- If a team of 3 loses 1 team member due to illness or injury, the team may choose to remain in the event, after the injured member is medically cared for and released to race staff. However, the remaining 2 members will be ranked behind all of the other 3 person teams.
- Teams coming upon an injured participant **MUST** stop to provide assistance as needed. Failure to assist will result in disqualification from the race. Time will be credited for helping a distressed team.
- Team members must stay within 100 meters of one another at all times during the event
- All racers must wear unaltered provided racing bibs on the **outside** of their clothing or PFD's **AT ALL TIMES** during the race course. No alterations of the racing bibs are allowed. Teams will also be provided with race shirts that they may choose to wear during the course.
- Each team must carry a minimum of one operational and charged cell phone **for emergency purposes only**. Each team will also be given the cell phone number of the medical director and race director. This is to be used in the event of an emergency only. No other cell phone calls are permitted during the race.
- All competitors must wear their PFD during any water section.
- All competitors are responsible for familiarizing and preparing themselves for any health and fitness requirements for the event. It is recommended that participants notify medical staff of medical conditions at pre-race check in.

Safety and Medical:

The race director may modify or change the course at any time.

Trained medical crews will be located throughout the course. A race team may have to wait for personnel to arrive. It is highly recommended that at least one team member be trained in first aid and CPR.

There are no penalties imposed for receiving any type of emergency help or first aid treatment.

For any injuries or conditions beyond the scope of first aid providers, the injured party will be transported to the nearest hospital facility. Transport may include ambulance services. **Racers should carry their health insurance information and emergency contact information with them on the course.**

The event medical officer may remove any competitor they feel is in danger to themselves or others. Racers suffering from exhaustion, dehydration, or other race related injuries are also subject to removal.

In the event of thunder and lightning, or severe wind, all competitors must remove watercraft immediately from the water, and seek shelter. An upside down canoe can be used as an expedient shelter.

Biking Section:

Any and all mechanical problems encountered while racing will be handled by team members. No support crews, family, friends, or spectators are permitted to assist. However, if a team comes upon another team that is struggling with the bike repair, and assists them, then the assisting team will be granted a time bonus. **Both teams** must report that information to the next manned checkpoint.

Competitors must wear a properly fitted ANSI or SNELL approved biking helmet while biking AT ALL TIMES. Failure to wear the helmet will result in disqualification from the event. Protective eye wear and gloves are recommended.

The race course will include road biking, paved trail, and mountain biking. Riders are to use caution when riding on road sections.

Be prepared for night biking. All riders must have bike lights properly mounted and in working order and headlights.

PADDLING SECTION

Solo racers will paddle in single-person kayaks. Teams will paddle in canoes.

Canoe Type:

Made of Old Town's unique SuperLink3™, Discovery 158's glossy surface literally slips through the water, glides over rocks, and does it quietly...perfect for family outings. The 158's excellent maneuverability also makes it a fine choice to confidently challenge moderate whitewater.

The patented Discovery 158's SuperLink3™ hull is produced using a layer of closed cell foam sandwiched by layers of high-density polyethylene. The result is a molded hull with inherent structural integrity that does not require the clumsy metal framework or keelson found in single-layer linear polyethylene boats.

Standard features include black vinyl gunwales, polyethylene decks with grab handles, polyethylene contoured seats, and ash carrying yoke and thwart. Canoe seats are optional.



LENGTH	WIDTH	WIDTH at 4" Waterline	BOW HEIGHT
15' 8"	35.5"	35.5"	21.5"
DEPTH	WEIGHT	CAPACITY	COLOR
13.5"	80 lbs.	980 lbs.	Red, Deep Forest

Race director has the discretion to alter or cancel the canoe section due to weather or other safety concerns. All teams will be properly notified of the change or cancellation.

It is mandatory that all participants wear US Coast Guard Type III or better life jackets (PFD) at all times while when participating in the water event. Any member removing PFD will result in disqualification of the team.

All care should be given to respect and not damage any watercraft provided. Any damaged watercraft will result in time penalties. Racers are responsible for all costs to repair any damaged equipment.

All teams must have appropriate waterproof bags to contain and keep equipment water tight while on waterways.

Team Withdrawal from Competition:

In the case of a team withdrawal, the team must inform the race staff by the best means available. Call the Race Director via cell phone or go to the closest check point or race official and inform them of your intent to withdrawal. Official withdrawal occurs upon surrender of the passport to the race official.

If a team fails to notify the race staff of its withdrawal and the organization is forced to bring about a specific search for the team, the financial responsibility of said search will fall on each competitor who has not taken the necessary steps to officially inform the race staff of whereabouts and withdrawal from the competition.

In cases where a team has lost a member due to inability to continue, health, or other reasons, the entire team must wait until help has arrived for the disabled team member before consideration can be given to allowing the remaining team members to continue racing.

Any emergency evacuation, either by land or helicopter, is reserved for sick or injured parties only. Fees associated with this type of rescue are borne by the injured party.

Race Timing/Scoring:

The official race clock begins at the start of the race and stops for each team when an entire team has crossed the finish line.

Times may be adjusted to compensate for unforeseen circumstances

The race is points based scoring. This means that each checkpoint has a certain point value. Your team has up to 3 or 6 or 12 hours to collect as many points as you can. Your strategy may include skipping some points, or trying to go for all of them. If a team is one minute late (you have up to 12 hours 59 seconds) your highest point will be deducted. The next highest point will be deducted every 5 minutes thereafter. (12 hours 6 minutes, 12 hours 11 minutes, etc.)

You must complete all sections together as a team unless otherwise specified by the race director.

Penalties:

Point penalties will be deducted from the team's overall finish time.

The race director has final decision on all penalties.

The list below is a general guideline, and may not cover all situations that may arise during the event. Race director has discretion to evaluate additional situations as they occur.

Disqualification from the race

- Abandoning a teammate

- Not assisting a person in danger or hurt
- Not wearing safety gear during specific discipline (PFD, bike helmet)
- Un-sportsmanlike behavior.
- Being disrespectful to any member of the public or volunteer you may encounter during race course
- Riding out of control, and not exercising proper safety during any part of race, especially mountain bike section
- Use of unauthorized maps
- Littering and/or not assisting in clean up of Transition areas

Sanctioning and Liability

This event is sanctioned by the United States Adventure Racing Association (USARA), meeting all minimum safety requirements set forth by the organization. This event carries third party event liability insurance.

Refunds and Transfers

Participants will get 100% of registration fee refunded if the event is cancelled by GOALS ARA, or there is a date change made by GOALS ARA less than 30 days before the event. We are unable to refund the processing fee if you registered through active.com.

No refunds are given to any team who withdrawals from the event, for any reason, with less than 7 days notice to race director.

Full refund, or credit toward future event(s), will be granted if team withdrawals 7 days or more from date of event.

Prizes and awards:

Each racer will receive complimentary T-shirt and goodie bag to include a free tube of Zanfel Poison Ivy Wash.

Cool Prizes from GOALS plus.....

FROM USARA: 12 HOUR RACE ONLY

<http://www.usaranationals.com/home.aspx>

- The top 4 Coed and the top 4 Open (all male or all female) teams will receive an invitation to the 2014 USARA Adventure Race National Championship.
- The top placing Coed team will receive USARA Regional Champions Jackets.
- The top placing Coed team will receive a \$400 Regional Qualifier sponsorship from GOALS ARA to be applied towards their entry fee into the 2015 USARA Adventure race National championship.
- This event provides 10 additional USARA national ranking points

FROM NORTH AMERICAN ADVENTURE RACING SERIES

North American Adventure Race Series is sending over tons of great gear for our racers!

USARA Regional Qualifier Information: 12 HOUR RACE ONLY

Registration Information

Coed and Open divisions must qualify at a USARA Regional Qualifier in order to register for the USARA Adventure Race National Championship. Teams that have qualified as a Coed team are allowed to race in the Open division; however teams that qualify as an Open team may not register in the Coed division.

Coed Division - Premier Division

The 1st place coed team from each regional qualifying race will receive a \$400.00 sponsorship, provided by the regional qualifying race, to be applied to the team's entry fee for the USARA Adventure Race National Championship™.

The top 4 teams from each regional qualifying race qualify to compete in the USARA Adventure Race National Championship. This is a roll down system: If one of the top 4 teams does not accept, the slot will roll down to the 5th place team, etc. until 4 teams accept. Teams have 14 days from the day the USARA sends the National invitation to accept and submit a deposit before the slot rolls down to the next team.

Open Division

The top 4 open teams (all male or all female) from each regional qualifying race qualify to compete in the USARA Adventure Race National Championship. This is a roll down system: If one of the top 4 teams does not accept, the slot will roll down to the 5th place team, etc. until 4 teams accept. Teams have 14 days from the day the USARA sends the National invitation to accept and submit a deposit before the slot rolls down to the next team.

Coed Masters Division

The coed masters division at the USARA Adventure Race National Championship is open registration (masters teams do not have to qualify). All members of masters teams must be **44 years old** by December 31. Contact the USARA to register your Masters team.

GOALS ARA WILL SUBMIT THE RACE RESULTS DIRECTLY TO USARA.

TEAMS DO NOT NEED TO PRE REGISTER WITH USARA

12 HOUR RACE

Mandatory Individual Gear

This is a minimum list for this event. You are welcome to carry any other equipment you feel is necessary. Racers are responsible for carrying all their own food and water.

- Racing bib (unaltered, with no additional logo placement, worn and visible from the front throughout the entire event). (provided by GOALS ARA)
- Headlamp (hands free and water-resistant with at least one extra set of batteries and in working order)
- Hydration System/water bottles
- Whistle
- Mountain bike (yes, we do get that question a lot!)
- Protective eyewear
- Sunscreen, Lip balm (recommended)
- Dry bag (individual or bag large enough for all team gear is OK)
- Bike helmet
- Duct tape (recommended) (6 feet minimum)
- Front bike light mounted on the front of the bicycle and projecting a white light.
- Rear bike light (red and flashing)
- Water Purification System (recommended)
- Knife (Locking or fixed-blade, 2 inch minimum)

Canoes for teams and kayaks for solos will be provided.

Teams may also bring their own paddles, canoe seats and pfd's. *Your own personal pfd is recommended.*

Clearly labeled with team name/#

Mandatory Team Gear

Teams must at all times possess the following mandatory team gear in addition to the mandatory individual gear being carried by all team members: SOLO RACERS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS GEAR

- Waterproof map carrying case
- Compasses (2 recommended, carried by separate individuals)
- UTM Plotting Tool
- Check Point Passport (provided by GOALS ARA)
- Pen
- At least one operational cell phone, charged and waterproofed in zip lock bag
- First Aid Kit suitable for all three teammates (please refer to recommended breakdown)
 - Electrolyte replacement tabs or powder
 - Analgesic tablets (for 3 team members)
 - Antacid tablets (for 3 team members)
 - Decongestant tablets (for 3 team members)
 - Antihistamine tablets (for 3 team members)
 - 1 inch bandages (3)
 - Half-inch adhesive tape (1 roll of at least 25 feet, duct tape is OK)
 - Moleskin or blister treatment (enough to supply 3 teammates)
 - Band-Aids
 - Sewing needle
 - First aid tweezers
 - Scissors.
 - Antibiotic ointment packets (at least 3)
- Throw bag (1 per team, minimum of 25 feet in length)-- safety line used when boating. Available at canoe/boat stores, and certain outfitters.
- Bilge pump or bailer (1 per team)
- 2 extra bicycle inner tubes or a minimum of two patches (appropriate size).
- 26:" and 29" tubes are required if you have both bike sizes on your team
- Repair kit (multi tool with Phillips and flat head screw drivers, chain break tool, allen wrench set, two tire levers, at a minimum). Note...one per team is OK.

GOALS Racers can get a 20% discount on water purification systems, insect repellents, first aid supplies and much more from our sponsors at Sawyer.

www.sawyersafetravel2.com/index.php

Use the code "GOALS"



3 and 6 HOUR RACES

Mandatory Individual Gear

This is a minimum list for this event. You are welcome to carry any other equipment you feel is necessary. Racers are responsible for carrying all their own food and water for the entire race.

- Racing bib (unaltered, with no additional logo placement, worn and visible from the front throughout the entire event). Provided by GOALS ARA. Return at end of race.
- Hydration System/water bottles
- Whistle
- Protective eyewear (sunglasses OK)
- Sunscreen, Lip balm (recommended)
- Mountain bike and bike helmet
- Long sleeves/long pants highly recommended

Canoes will be provided for teams. Single person kayaks for solos.

Paddles and pfd's will be provided. Teams may opt to bring their own. (labeled clearly with team name/#)

6 hour racers- *your own personal pfd is recommended*

Mandatory Team Gear

Those racing solo are expected to have this gear as well.

Teams must at all times possess the following mandatory team gear in addition to the mandatory individual gear being carried by all team members:

- Waterproof map carrying case
- Check Point Passport (provided by GOALS ARA)
- First Aid Kit suitable for all teammates
- Pen or pencil
- At least one operational charged cell phone (water proofed in zip lock bag)
- Bilge pump or bailer (1 per team) (small bucket OK)
- Knife (Locking or fixed-blade, 2 inch minimum)
- extra bicycle inner tubes or a minimum of two patches (appropriate size).
- Repair kit (multi tool with Phillips and flat head screw drivers, chain break tool, allen wrench set, two tire levers, at a minimum). Note...one per team is OK.
- Water for the team.
- Compass

Forbidden Equipment

Weapons

G.P.S. (Global Positioning Systems)

FUNDRAISING: HELP US SUPPORT WHARTON STATE FOREST!

*"Now that you're here, the word of the **Lorax** seems perfectly clear. UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." "I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues."*

~ Dr. Seuss.

GOALS Adventure Racing Association has been supporting charitable organizations since our inception in 2003. As a non-profit organization ourselves, we understand and value the importance of charitable work.

This year we have put our focus on giving back to the environment. How often have you hiked on trails, paddled waterways, biked in beautiful parks and forests? Even if you've ever done it once in your entire life try to imagine the work it takes to keep our open space land beautiful and protected.

HELP US CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
 HELP US "GIVE BACK" TO THE ENVIRONMENT
 HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT WHARTON STATE FOREST.

Wharton State Forest is the largest single tract of land within the New Jersey State Park System. It is also the site of Batsto Village, a former bog iron and glassmaking industrial center from 1766 to 1867 that currently reflects the agricultural and commercial enterprises that existed here during the late 19th century.

Throughout Wharton are miles rivers and streams for canoeing, miles of hiking trails (including a major section of the Batona Trail), miles of unpaved roads for mountain biking and horseback riding and numerous lakes, ponds and fields ideal for wildlife observation. Bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, marsh hawks, ospreys, great blue herons, swans, screech owls, great-horned owls, bluebirds, hummingbirds, purple martins, goldfinch, turkeys, beavers, river otters, fox and deer are only some of the wildlife the alert visitor can see.

Wharton State Forest has been challenged by a number of environmental and economic concerns. From the challenges of the constant threat of forest fires, to invasive species management, maintaining trails and roads, and budgetary constraints, the forest needs your help!

Do your part for National Trails Day. Even if it wasn't National Trails Day, we should all still do our part.

No donation is too small, but the big ones are even better! Your donation goes directly to Wharton State Forest.

The donor who donates the most money will be mailed a thank you award from GOALS Adventure Racing Association.

The racer that raises the most funds will receive a free race entry to a future GOALS event plus some cool schwag!

General information on Wharton State Forest can be found at their website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/wharton.html>

There are two ways in which you can fundraise, and we encourage you to do both.

The first is word of mouth, and asking your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. to help support you in this race. They can donate cash or a check made out to "Batsto Citizens Committee"

The second way is to simply click a few buttons on your computer and join our on-line fundraising campaign. It is so easy to do! All you need to do is click here: <https://www.crowdrise.com/racing-for-wharton-state-forest2> and join the team!

Below is the fundraising sheet for your face to face collections.

USARA WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (Specific Event Waiver)

Event Name: The Savage Adventure Event Date(s): June 4, 2017

IN CONSIDERATION of the United States Adventure Racing Association (“USARA”) allowing me to participate in the USARA sanctioned event described above (**the “Event”**) as either a member of USARA or through the issuance of a single event license; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, parents, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (**the “Agreement”**);

1. I hereby represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Event; and (ii) I am not under the influence of alcohol or any illicit or prescription drugs which would in any way impair my ability to safely participate in the Event. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Event.

2. I understand and acknowledge the physical and mental rigors associated with this adventure racing Event, and realize that many elements of this Event are inherently dangerous and represent an extreme test of a person’s physical and mental limits. I understand that participation involves risks and dangers which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss or damage to property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; contact or collision with other participants, spectators, vehicles or other natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect course conditions; water, road and surface hazards; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event Organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (“Risks”). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Event, or the negligence of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses which I incur as a result of my participation in the Event.

3. I agree to be familiar with and abide by the Rules and Regulations established for the Event, including but not limited to rules and regulations related to the Competition, Safety, and the USARA Adventure Racer Code of Ethics. I also accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Event, and the condition and adequacy of my equipment.

4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USARA, the Event Organizers and Promoters, Race Directors, Sponsors, Advertisers, Host Cities, Local Organizing Committees, Venues and Property Owners upon which the Event takes place, Law Enforcement Agencies and other Public Entities providing support for the Event, and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees and volunteers (Individually and Collectively, the “Released Parties” or “Event Organizers”), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys fees) of any kind or nature (“Liability”) which may arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Event, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Released Parties. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

5. I hereby pre-authorize the Event Organizers and their representatives to arrange for emergency medical treatment and/or transport via ambulance or air on my behalf if medical attention is warranted during my participation in the Event. I understand and agree that I will be responsible for the costs associated with any such emergency medical care and/or transport arranged on my behalf, and hereby release the Event Organizers from any Liability relating to the cost and provision of any rescue operations, first aid treatment, medical care, hospital expenses or the medical decisions made at the Event site or elsewhere on my behalf.

I hereby warrant that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of the minor, my spouse, children, parents, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____ AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE (only if participant is age 18 or older):

DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if participant is younger than age 18)

DATE: _____



Wilderness Canoe Trips, Inc.

Box 7125 • Talleyville
 Wilmington, DE 19803
 (302) 654-2227

No Drinking Alcohol In Canoes

PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

Life Jackets MUST BE Fastened

>> MUST READ PAGES 1 & 2 BEFORE SIGNING BELOW. <<<

Organization Name _____ Phone # _____

Participant Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in our programs, related events and activities, I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death.
2. **I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation, as permitted by law.
3. I willingly agree to comply with terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** Wilderness Canoe Trips, Inc.

its officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (RELEASEES), from any and all claims, demands, losses and liability arising out of or related to any **INJURY, DISABILITY OR DEATH** I may suffer, or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER ARISING FROM NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Signature _____ Age _____ Date _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases and, for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ Emergency Phone Number(s) _____

Must read page 2 before initialing corresponding lines below. Thank You.



_____ Initials



_____ Initials



_____ Initials



_____ Initials



_____ Initials

For upcoming information & events, kindly provide your e-mail address: _____



HIGH WATER-FLOODING

For your safety, make sure lifejackets (PDF's) are worn and tightly secured. Be aware of changing water conditions during your trip. High water can occur with a quick sudden downpour. In the event that water levels begin to rise, get off the river immediately. During periods of heavy rain, rivers increase in speed and difficulty. Stainers (logs) and floating debris become a major hazard. Large waves and hydraulics become serious threats and can cause injury and death. If high water becomes serious, call (302) 654-2227 for immediate help.



LIGHTNING

In the event of a sudden and severe lightning storm, get off the river immediately. Your best protection while on a river trip is underneath a bridge. Remain under this protected area until the storm subsides. Our procedure at Wilderness Canoe Trips is to begin at Thompson's Bridge and work upstream searching for parties under roadway bridges. After lightning subsides, continue moving downstream towards the Thompson's Bridge take-out. Protection may be found under an overturned canoe, away from trees, by sitting on lifejackets (PFD's)



ROPE SWINGS

Stay away from private property and rope swings.

Water levels change daily. Rope swings break easily and can cause serious injury and even death. Be Safe. Keep Off.



WATERWAYS

Waterways are not patrolled by police, Fire Departments, Rescue Personnel, or Water Safety Individuals. YOU may have to conduct A SELF-RESCUE in the event of an emergency. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.