

Canoe the Wild Release/Assumption of Risk

I, _____, [the participant or parent of a minor] hereby acknowledge the following:

This trip/course offered by Canoe the Wild [hereinafter known as Releasees] may take place in a remote wilderness setting and involve activities with numerous inherent risks from travel by canoe, or by foot (hiking) in a remote wilderness setting and exposure to potentially dangerous animals or plants. Such risks may result in significant injury including the potential for permanent paralysis, drowning or other means of death. In the event of an injury or illness medical facilities may be several hours and in extreme cases, possibly days away from remote settings (Some Canadian trips) and evacuation may be required by helicopter, airplane, etc. Participants are responsible for any additional costs incurred for evacuation as the result of injuries or illness. Travel may include the use of charter planes. I agree to follow the instructions of the trip leader and will bring to that leader's attention any unusual significant hazard that I observe. I will take steps to avoid such hazard. I recognize the danger of being under the influence of substances while participating in these activities and will refrain from using any substances in a manner that would affect my ability to respond to these inherent dangers.

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, **Except for gross negligence on the part of Canoe the Wild and its agents**, and assume full responsibility for my participation in such inherently risky activities. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS Canoe the Wild.**, its trip leaders and other agents and/or employees, 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 ANY NEGLIGENCE, ACT OR OMISSION OF THE RELEASEES**, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Maine.

Canoe the Wild cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience, damage, delay caused by late departure, weather, water levels, itinerary changes, etc. We recommend that participants consider travel insurance for financial protection in case of flight delay or cancellation, lost or delayed luggage, or personal medical needs or emergency while on a trip. You can compare various insurance options on the website www.InsureMyTrip.com.

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. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARTICIPATION IN THIS TRIP IS A VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY AND NEITHER A PUBLIC SERVICE NOR A PRACTICAL NECESSITY AND I AM FREE TO DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE.

Trip Attending _____ Dates of Trip _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Photo Release:

I hereby allow Canoe the Wild to use photographs or images of me/my child for appropriate promotional materials.

Signed (parent/guardian if camper is a minor) _____ Date _____