

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS, ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**  
(PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY) CLASS/TOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have asked to participate in a tour and/or a course of instruction given by the Northwest Outdoor Center, Inc. ("NWOC"). I understand that NWOC is only prepared to accept me as a participant in this tour or course under certain circumstances and if I will make and faithfully adhere to certain representations. I therefore certify to NWOC for its benefit that:

1. I am a good swimmer and/or comfortable in the water.
2. I will wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (Type I,II or III) at all times while on the water.
3. I suffer no disabilities of any nature whatsoever that might impair or interfere with my safe participation in the tour or course except as I have otherwise disclosed in writing to NWOC.
4. While on the water, I will promptly and carefully obey all instructions given me by the trip leader, course leader, or his or her assistants.

I understand that sea kayaking, whitewater kayaking, and whitewater rafting all involve certain inherent risks. In the case of sea kayaking these include but are not limited to inclement weather, rough seas, strong tidal and other currents, navigational difficulties, collisions, cold water, and illnesses or accidents in remote places. In the case of whitewater kayaking and rafting these include but are not limited to river obstructions, strong currents, dangerous hydraulics, cold water, and inaccessibility to prompt medical assistance. Such risks and others, singularly or in combination, may result in my suffering property damage, serious bodily injury, or death.

I understand that in these circumstances the NWOC cannot be the guardian of my safety and I hereby personally assume all of the risks and dangers, whether described herein or not, in connection with the tour or course of instruction in which I will participate. I hereby expressly and irrevocably release the Northwest Outdoor Center, Inc., its shareholders, officers, directors, employees, and agents from any claims, expenses, or damages of whatever nature, whether foreseeable or not, that may arise from the trip or the course or related activities, including but not limited to claims resulting from my personal injury, death, property loss, or other damages, whether foreseeable or not. I hereby bind not only myself, but also my estate, heirs, successors and assigns to the terms of this Safety Statement and Release ("Release").

I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and I have signed this document as my own free act. I agree to pay all reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by the Northwest Outdoor Center, Inc., its shareholders, officers, directors, employees, or agents in order to enforce the provisions of this Release. I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE BY READING IT BEFORE SIGNING.

**IF YOU ARE OVER 18, SIGN HERE**

**I affirm that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and legally competent to sign this release.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MINORS (LESS THAN 18) SIGN BELOW**

**I affirm that I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and that the individual signing this Release with me is my parent or legal guardian.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGN BELOW**

**I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Individual signing this Release immediately above and that I have read and understand the Release and accept same, consent to the above individual's participation in the trip or course of instruction, agree on my own behalf and on behalf of the individual to be bound by the contractual undertakings set forth in this Release.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_