

Camper(s) Name: _____

Session: _____

Waukeela Camp for Girls

White Water Canoeing Program Agreement

You have requested that your child be permitted to participate in the White Water Canoeing Program offered by Waukeela Camp for Girls, Inc. ("Waukeela"). Before your child will be permitted to participate, you must read and sign this Agreement.

1. **Inherent Risks.** White water canoeing is an inherently dangerous sport. It involves canoeing through the rapids of strong and unpredictable waterways. While we endeavor to hire qualified staff members and be aware of safety issues, we cannot control many of the risks involved in white water canoeing. It is possible that a canoe may tip over, hit an object, stray off course, capsize, or sink. Your child may fall or be thrown from the canoe, may be caught underneath the canoe, may fall or be thrown into an object such as a tree or a rock, or may be caught by another object and trapped underwater. Other factors such as weather conditions, wind, the condition of the river, and the skill and strength of your child and the others working with her may add to these risks. Students who undertake activities which are not authorized by staff members may cause injury to themselves or others. If any of these possibilities occur, your child may suffer bruises, broken bones, sprains, muscle strains, lacerations, injuries to internal or other vital organs, facial injuries, or, in the worst cases, may be killed or paralyzed. In addition, white water canoeing takes place in the wilderness where medical attention may be delayed or your child may need to be carried out or otherwise extricated from the situation, causing further injury. In such a situation, a staff member may be required to weigh the risk of moving your child against the need for medical attention, the risk of weather exposure and other environmental risks, and the safety of the other children present. The staff member may be required to make strategic decisions about your child's care in an inhospitable environment without the benefit of full information about the extent or nature of the injuries. While all of our staff members receive training in Basic First Aid and CPR, and while at least one staff member on each white water excursion will be trained in Wilderness First Aid, such staff are not medical professionals. The conditions and situations in which an injury may occur while white water canoeing may increase the risk and extent of injuries to your child.

We are pleased to say that in the past ten years, the only injuries related to the white water canoeing program have been miscellaneous bumps, bruises, and sprains. No child has ever been killed or paralyzed while participating in the white water canoeing program at Waukeela; however, you should be aware that serious injuries are possible.

2. **Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Risks; Release.** If you would like your child to participate in the white water canoeing program, you must acknowledge that you have been advised of the risks involved in white water canoeing and you must agree to accept these risks. By signing below, you do so and agree to remise, release and forever discharge Waukeela, its employees, agents, officers, directors, and shareholders for your child, yourself, and your child's heirs, executors and administrators, of and from all manner of actions, cause or causes of actions, suits, reckonings, controversies, damages, claims and demands, in law or at equity, that any of you now have or hereafter may have by reason of any injury to or death of your child due to the inherent risks of white water canoeing and/or due to any decision of any staff member as to how to respond to any injury to your child while participating in the white water canoeing program.
3. **Consent to Emergency Medical Care.** In the case of any injury or apparent injury to your child while participating in the white water canoeing program, you hereby authorize Waukeela and any of its agents, employees, officers, directors and/or shareholders, to seek medical care and attention for your child, including but not limited to arranging for an ambulance to take your child to any

medical care facility, transporting your child to any medical care facility and consenting to treatment, medication and/or surgery for your child provided that Waukeela shall contact or attempt to contact you as soon as practicable. In the event that your child is injured while away from Waukeela, you authorize the staff members in charge to take whatever actions they deem reasonably necessary under the circumstances to best protect the health and safety of your child, even if doing so may result in further injury or increased risk to your child. You acknowledge that you shall be solely responsible for the payment of any medical costs and expenses incurred on behalf of your child and hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless Waukeela for any costs incurred by it on behalf of your child.

4. **New Hampshire Law.** You agree that New Hampshire law shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement, without regard to conflicts of laws principles.

The undersigned, being the parent (custodial parent) or guardian of _____, hereby states under the pains and penalties of perjury that s/he has read this Agreement and understands the consequences of executing this Agreement. S/he executes this Agreement as an instrument under seal, as of the _____ day of _____ (month) in the year of _____.

Parent (custodial parent) or Guardian:

Print Name

Signature