

Read Carefully

U.S. RAFTING WHITEWATER RESPONSIBILITY In the State of Maine

Duties of a Participant

Participants have a duty to act, as would a reasonably prudent person, when engaging in recreational activities offered by commercial whitewater outfitters and commercial whitewater guides in this state.

No Participant may:

- 1.) Board upon or embark upon any commercial whitewater expedition when intoxicated or under the influence of non-intoxicating beer, intoxicating beverages or controlled substances; or
- 2.) Fail to advise the trip leader or the trip guide or any known health problem or medical disability and any prescribed medication that may be used in the treatment of such health problems during the course of the commercial whitewater expedition; or
- 3.) Engage in harmful conduct or willfully or negligently engage in any type of conduct which contributes to or causes injury to any person or property; or
- 4.) Perform any act which interferes with the safe running and operation of the expedition, including failure to follow the instructions of the trip leader or trip guide in regard to safety measure and conduct requested of the participants; or
- 5.) Failure to inform or notify the trip leader or the trip guide of any incident or accident involving personal injury or illness experienced during the course of any commercial whitewater expedition. If such injury or illness occurs, the participant shall leave personal identification, including name and address, with the commercial whitewater outfitter's agent or employee.

Initials _____

(Please Print)

Trip Date ____ / ____ / ____ **Date of Birth** ____ / ____ / ____

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____

Present Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Home Phone _____ **E-Mail Address** _____

Have you rafted with U.S. before? Yes ____ No ____

READ CAREFULLY
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned acknowledge that, directly or indirectly, I have requested that I or the minor identified below, be allowed to participate in certain activities and allowed to utilize certain services provided by U.S. Rafting, which along with any commonly owned, related, parent, or subsidiary corporations and entities, their owners, officers, directors, agents and employees, whether or not separately identified herein, and/or any successor and/or assignee, are hereafter collectively referred to as "Outfitter".

I acknowledge that outfitter may have also been requested to arrange for me or the minor identified below to participate in activities or utilize services provided by other persons, businesses, or entities and acknowledge that Outfitter has made no representations whatsoever as to the safety or quality of those activities or services but has only made arrangements for my or the minor's participation in those activities or use of those services as an accommodation to me at my request.

I understand and accept that I am about to engage in activities that pose substantial risks of physical injury and/or death, disease or illness and/or damage to or loss of personal property, as the result of exposure; the hazards of travel over and through rough terrain and on public or private roads; the hazards of traveling on turbulent, fast, and cold white water rivers and streams; jumping diving, or being thrown into the water; risks inherent in attempting to navigate whitewater rivers such as striking rocks and other obstructions, rafts and boats being flipped by standing waves or turbulent waters; risks arising from the improper or incorrect use of paddle's, bars and other boating equipment; and other unnamed but foreseeable risks related to whitewater activities; the risks of injuries by animals or reptiles; the risks that injuries may occur in remote areas without adequate medical facilities; the risks of traveling by air, train, automobile, truck, bus, horse, bicycle, ATV, and/or other conveyance while traveling to or from any activity site or participating in any activity; the risks and dangers from the use of the campground or other facilities; the risk of negligence, gross negligence, and/or bad judgment on the part of the Outfitter, other providers and/or other participants; and risk arising from defects in equipment or product. I understand that I am subject to even a greater risk on and about the River because of a higher water flow, steeper gradient (larger drop per mile), inaccessible locations, and the difficult and dangerous surrounding terrain. I also understand and accept the greater risk in Wildside and/or Extreme Wildside rafting activities because of the smaller rafts used and the more hazardous whitewater conditions traveled. I represent that I am in good physical condition and health and I am able to safely participate in the requested activities.

In consideration of and as part payment for my right or that of the minor identified below to participate in such activities and utilize such services, I PERSONALLY, do hereby to the greatest extent permitted by law ASSUME all of the reasonably related and foreseeable risks, whether or not specifically identified herein, of all the activities and services in which I participate or which I use, RELEASE the Outfitter from any and all liability, including but not limited to liability arising from negligence, gross negligence and/or willful and wanton conduct, and will INDEMNIFY and hold the Outfitter harmless from any and all liability, claims, and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I or the minor identified below may ever have arising, directly or indirectly, from participating in any and all such activities or using such services, Outfitters defense costs and expenses and/or the cost of any medical or other expenses incurred for me or such minor's benefit.

I consent to the use by the Outfitter or photographs and video recordings made of me or the minor identified below while participating in such activities or using such services without further compensation and agree that all such materials, including negatives, are the sole property of the Outfitter.

I agree that the exclusive venue of any suit or claim against the outfitter for any reason whatsoever, shall be the Magistrate or Courts of the State of Maine; consent to the jurisdiction of such courts as to any action against me to enforce this Agreement; agree that this Agreement is to be enforced in accordance with the law of the State of Maine; and agree that if any part of this Agreement is found to be invalid that all other portions shall be fully enforceable.

No representations contrary to the above have been made to me or, if made, such representations have not been relied upon by me in any way, have not affected in any way my decision to participate or allow the minor identified below to participate in any activity or utilize any service, and have not affected in any way my intention to release, assume risk or indemnify the Outfitter as stated above.

Adult Signature X _____ **Date** _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18

I, the minor whose name appears below, have read or had my parent or legal-guardian read this Agreement and agrees to all of the terms and conditions.

Minor's Signature X _____ **Date** _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR MINOR TO PARTICIPATE:

Having legal authority to do so, I give the above minor permission to participate in the scheduled activities offered by or arranged through the outfitter, give the Outfitter permission to provide medical treatment or authorize such treatment in case of emergency or accident, and will indemnify and hold harmless the outfitter as stated in this document for any legal claims made by or on behalf of the said minor.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature X _____ **Date** _____
Relationship to Minor _____