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IMPORTANT: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT

Please read and understand this document before signing. If you have any questions please ask us or consult an attorney

CHIPPEWA RIVER OUTFITTERS have done everything possible to assure that our guests experience a fun river trip. We wish to inform our guests that a river trip is not risk free. The same elements that contribute to the unique character and fun of a river trip, such as "shooting the rapids" or "living out-of-doors" can cause loss or damage to equipment, injury, illness, or extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. We do not want to heighten or reduce your enthusiasm for the experience, but we do want you to know in advance what to expect, and to be informed of some of the possible risks. We ask that you read this, sign it, and return it to our office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF RISK

Even though this is a class I river, there may be some rapids to be experienced on the trip. Passengers can be jolted, bounced, and otherwise shaken about during rides through some of these rapids. It is possible that passengers could be injured if they hit equipment, storage containers other passengers or other objects. Equipment may break or malfunction causing loss of property or injury.

Boats may turn over in the river causing prolonged exposure to cold water leading to hypothermia, injury or death. Injuries can be sustained after the passenger is in the water such as from items floating in the river or in the river bed. Drowning is always a possibility whenever you are around water. Participants can be washed or thrown overboard in the rapids which can result in any of the above injuries or death.

Accidents can occur getting in and out of the canoe. Canoes are sometimes slippery when wet. You might slip and fall when entering the canoe, in which case you might damage or lose equipment you are carrying (such as cameras or glasses). You might injure yourself by falling against some object in or around the boat, or on the shore. Canoes & Kayaks may drift a distance from the shoreline when you are trying to climb on or off causing you to fall in the river, or drop equipment in the river. You may be asked to help push the boat from shore into deeper water that could injure your back, overstress your heart, or otherwise injure yourself in doing so. You may be asked to help with tying the canoe or Kayak when you pull into shore. The Canoe or Kayak could float downstream and the rope could pull through your hands causing "rope burns" or abrasions. You might trip over rocks, stumps or other debris on shore while trying to hold the Canoe or Kayak or tie it to a suitable object on shore.

Accidents can occur during off-river travel. Poisonous or dangerous plants, insects or animals can be found with harmful effects to some guests. Exposure to the natural elements can be uncomfortable or harmful. Heat-sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, heat cramps, wind, rain, outdoor, using portable toilet facilities, eating meals out-of-doors, being in the open for the extended length of the trip can be uncomfortable or cause injury. It is also possible that some participants would suffer mental anguish or trauma from the experience or their injuries.

This list is not an exclusive or exhaustive list of possible injuries, trauma or accidents that may occur while on a river trip. Most of these injuries are rare and you are not likely to encounter them, however they have occurred and you need to know about them and other possible injuries not mentioned above. These injuries occur more often when the participants are using drugs or alcohol or not physically able to undertake the activity. Therefore, CHIPPEWA RIVER OUTFITTERS request you do not use drugs or alcohol.

I certify that my family, including minor children and myself are fully capable of participating in the river trip. I state that I have read the above statement on some of the possible risks in this activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself, my family, including minor children, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and any expenses as a result of my negligence, negligence of my family, or the negligence of CHIPPEWA RIVER OUTFITTERS. I understand CHIPPEWA RIVER OUTFITTERS or _____ reserve the right to refuse any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the river trip. My family and I are in good physical condition and able to undertake this activity.

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