

Warrior Whitewater Adventure

Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FORM BEFORE SIGNING AND DATING

Print Full Name _____ Adventure Date: Monday, August 18, 2014

In consideration of the services of Southern Wesleyan University, their officers, agents, employees, and all other persons or entities associated with it. **I understand and agree to the following:**

- Although Southern Wesleyan University has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled staff for the whitewater rafting experience so I can participate in an activity for which I may not have experience, I acknowledge that this activity is not without risk. **Certain risks cannot be eliminated** without destroying the unique character of the experience.
- The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can be causes of loss or damage to my equipment, accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma, or death. Southern Wesleyan University does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but thinks it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. **The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.**
 - Southern Wesleyan University's whitewater rafting participants travel out of doors, where they are subject to numerous risks, environmental and otherwise.
 - Whitewater rafting participants will primarily use campus vehicles for any road travel. Each student will secure his/her personal safety belt while the vehicle is in motion and will work to maintain a safe driving atmosphere while in the vehicle. Travel will take place on highways, rural/county roads, and gravel roads.
 - Whitewater rafting occurs in remote places, many hours from medical facilities. Communication and transportation are difficult and sometimes evacuations and medical care may be significantly delayed.
 - Whitewater rafting consist of traveling down a river or stream and will frequently have "rapids," which are areas of fast moving water, that make it difficult to steer or guide the raft. There is an inherent risk of falling out of the raft, or the raft tipping over. Additional risks include hypothermia, heatstroke, overexertion, bruising, and drowning.
 - Environmental risks include lakes and streams; insects, snakes, and aggressive animals, including large animals; falling and rolling rock; lightning, flash floods, and unpredictable forces of nature, including weather which may change to extreme conditions without notice. Additional risks are hypothermia, frostbite, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and other mild or serious conditions. There may be additional environmental risks as well. Programs strive to stay in wilderness settings in all but very extreme cases. We believe this is an important educational methodology.
- Decisions are made by the instructor(s) and students in a wilderness setting, based on a variety of perceptions and evaluations which by their nature are imprecise and subject to errors in judgment.
- I am aware that whitewater rafting includes risks of injury or death. I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume responsibility for the risks identified herein and those risks not specifically identified.

My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. I am aware that I have a role in maintaining my own safety and I will use good judgment and abide by all safety guidelines while involved in the course.

I possess at least the following qualifications, which are prerequisites to participate in this activity:

- I have read and understand the following: the acknowledgement and assumption of risks form the and event description.
- I have verified with my physician and other medical professionals that I have no past or current physical or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the trip, other than as described on the Medical Form. I authorize Southern Wesleyan University to obtain or provide emergency hospitalization, surgical or other medical care for me.
- I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself, my minor children and wards, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and of my negligence in participating in this activity.
- I have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated both on the front and back page of this document and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and all members of my family.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(student)

This student is under 18 and I am signing this as parent or guardian and agree to indemnify Southern Wesleyan University from any claim which may be brought by my child or ward.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(parent or guardian)

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