

# Clemson Outdoor Recreation and Education Program

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## Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk – Inland Flatwater/Whitewater Paddling/Tubing

Welcome to the CORE program. In the interest to permit CORE to exist and to serve the outdoor recreation community without fear of liability, we ask that you join in this contract. The first part is for you to acknowledge that you understand the risks involved in this outdoor activity and the second part is a release of liability. Your signature below indicates your understanding that the terms “outdoor activity” or “activity” encompass all aspects of the activity, including preliminary and subsequent matters, such as, but not limited to, getting outfitted for the activity, maintaining, repairing, transporting, loading or unloading equipment, and travel to and from the activity site. If, after reading this waiver you decide not to participate, please contact the CORE office.

I understand and accept that whitewater paddling in a canoe, kayak, water tube, or other inflatable craft exposes me to numerous unknown and unanticipated risk which could result in personal injury, death or damage to my property or myself. Some of the risks or factors creating risks include, but are not limited to the following:

- the hazards of travel in a water tube or other inflatable craft, canoe, kayak, or paddleboard in rough water conditions;
- water hazards include: boulders, trees, and other obstacles, waterfalls, holes, reversals and other water formations;
- water hazards/hazards caused by other watercraft on the lake or whitewater, including kayaks, canoes, sailboats, power boats, personal watercraft;
- swimming/floating in unfamiliar and sometimes turbulent water;
- drowning, foot and body entrapment, brain damage, paralyzation or even death;
- man-made objects on the lake or in the river including but not limited to ropes, bridge pilings and metal junk;
- hiking or walking in rugged terrain including slippery rocks;
- injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles or plants;
- using paddles, ropes and other paddling equipment;
- accidents or illness in remote locations without medical facilities;
- difficult extensive evacuations;
- carrying, loading or unloading of water tubes or other inflatable craft, canoes, kayaks and other river equipment
- the forces of nature including lightning, weather changes, river level changes and others not named;
- my physical condition, the physical exertion associated with paddling and swimming in turbulent lake or whitewater;
- travel in a vehicle not driven by me;
- Psychological stress associated with the aforementioned risks or witnessing the injury or death of another participant.

I agree to accept and assume all responsibility for and risk of personal injury, illness, death or damage to myself or my property arising from my participation in this activity. I understand these risks are inherent for these activities. My participation is voluntary; I choose to participate in this water activity in spite of these named and other unnamed risks. I am solely responsible for deciding to participate in this activity and am solely responsible for deciding what equipment to take whether to participate and whether to participate in any rescue or recovery of equipment. I am solely responsible for deciding whether to participate in or continue on any whitewater or flatwater trip.

I understand my responsibility in decision making. I agree to obey all CORE rules and regulations while participating in this paddling activity.

I have carefully read and understand this Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk. I also understand that I will be asked to read carefully, understand and sign a separate Release of Liability.

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Participant's Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Parent or Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years of age)

Printed Name

Date