

Canoeing information

Part of the responsibility of conscientious leaders is to inform participants of risks involved with an activity. We also want you to understand that we would not undertake these activities unless we were satisfied with our level of leadership and with the standards established by leaders in the field of experiential education. It is not our intent to frighten any participants. It is our intent to make certain that all participants in our adventure programs understand fully the risks inherent to these activities.

Our instructors are experienced and well-trained in safety, first aid, risk management and emergency procedures.

Under the supervision of our trained staff, no camper has been injured during one of our offsite trips who has required hospitalization of any kind.

However, please do not enroll in this course if you believe it to be PERFECTLY safe. IT IS NOT. Nothing is. While your leaders are skilled and experienced, they are unable to guarantee total protection from all risks. You must pay close attention to and follow safety rules, take responsibility for avoiding or minimizing risks and develop a questioning attitude.

Participation in the canoe trip is not possible without the “Camp Phillip canoe trip liability release” signed and sent back to Camp Phillip PRIOR to coming to camp.

Camp Phillip canoe trip liability release

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Session dates

Camper name/s

For each statement, put your initials next to it if you completely understand and accept it. Mail this to camp prior to your arrival. **If a minor is attending a course, both the child and parent need to initial next to each line.**

I have read the *Canoeing information*.

I understand that for this program the campers will leave Camp Phillip property and travel in a vehicle driven by a Camp Phillip staff member to the site of the canoe trip and back. I give permission for this to occur.

I understand that canoeing, like any outdoor sport, has inherent risks. While unlikely, injury or death may occur.

I understand that the trip leaders are experienced in the activities, will take adequate precautions and follow recognized safety standards. However, they cannot guarantee the safety of the participants.

I understand that the activities will be taking place in areas where access to EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and advanced medical care is not immediately available.

I release from any liability the sponsoring agency, Camp Phillip and its employees and volunteers, in the event of any accident, damages, injuries or losses en route, during or returning from this event.

I understand and agree to abide by the following policies which apply to all adventure programs:

- 1) Staff and participants must not possess or consume illegal drugs or alcohol during any portion of an adventure experience.
- 2) Under no circumstances will staff members be forced to accept participants who are considered potential dangers to themselves, the group or the staff.
- 3) Because of the potential danger to themselves or other people, those individuals with a history of heart disease or severe emotional disorders are not allowed to participate in adventure programs.
- 4) If an activity is deemed unsafe because of weather conditions, participant incompetence or other dangers, staff have the authority to alter or stop the activity. We cannot refund money because of switched or canceled activities due to any of the reasons mentioned above.
- 5) All activities are at the discretion of the staff and with the informed consent and free choice of the individuals participating.

My signature indicates an understanding and agreement with this information.

Camper's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date