

**TO: THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**

**INFORMED CONSENT, RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**WARNING:** By signing this document you indicate that you understand the risks associated with this activity, that you are aware that by allowing your child to participate in the activity you are exposing him/her to the risks identified below. It gives the University authority to secure medical assistance for your child for which you agree to be financially responsible. You are agreeing to assume financial responsibility for any damage to third persons or their property caused by your child.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE CODE & TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that by allowing my child to participate in the **activity of Canoeing - Lake / River / Whitewater** I will be exposing my child to the following inherent risks, including but not limited to:

**General:**

- Theft, vandalism, damage or loss of personal property.
- Any manner of injury or death resulting from:
  - Use, misuse, non-use and failure of any equipment;
  - Travel by motor vehicle, bus or any other means of transportation to, from, or during the activity;

**Wilderness & Outdoor Travel:**

Any manner of injury, illness or death resulting from:

- **Mountainous and Steep Terrain:** Steep slopes, glacier crevasses, tree wells, tree stumps, creeks, icy, slippery or uneven terrain, rocks and boulders, or obstacles and hazards which may be hidden or covered;
- **Remoteness:** Becoming lost or separated from guides or companions, the inability to access rescue and medical help in the event of an accident or difficulty or inability to communicate in remote areas which may limit access to medical help in an emergency;
- **Animals:** Contact with aggressive or curious animals including elk, bears or other carnivores, or other large animals, rodents, snakes, birds, wood ticks, insects, spiders, or water born parasites such as Giardia, bacteria, or other elements;
- **Weather:** Severe or varied exposures to cold, wet or windy weather, hail, lightning, snow, sleet, reduced visibility, or the effects of strong sunlight;
- **Other Outdoor Risks:** Rockfall, tree fall, avalanches, floods, mud slides, hypothermia, dehydration, exposure to West Nile virus, etc.;
- **Equipment:** Unsafe use of tools and other wilderness equipment.

**Canoeing - Lake/River/Whitewater:**

Any manner of injury or death resulting from:

- Falls on boat decks, docks, steep, slippery banks or boulders, especially near the shore, visible or non-visible;
- Sudden immersion in cold, swift moving water as a result of winds, choppy water, currents, or making contact with rocks, trees, other boats, floating logs or other debris;
- The risk of hypothermia, shock or drowning from any immersion and;
- Falling out, flipping or pinning the craft or entanglement and foot and/or body entrapment.

**NOTE: Personal Flotation Device (PLD) designed specially for this activity is required.**

I have explained the risks associated with this activity to my child and he/she understands the risks.

1. The University of Calgary may secure such medical advice and services as it, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary for my child's health and safety and I shall be financially responsible for such medical advice and services.
2. I understand that it is my child's responsibility to abide by the rules and regulations imposed on the participants by the Instructor. I have explained to my child the need to follow the instructions given by the instructor.
3. I understand that if my child is supplying his/her own equipment, I am responsible for ensuring that it is safe and well maintained and up to the requisite standards for the activity in which he/she is participating. I understand that the University of Calgary accepts no responsibility for any incidents or accidents occurring out of the use or misuse of my child's equipment.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial here that you have read paragraph 3.)
4. I agree to HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY The Governors of the University of Calgary from any and all liability for any damage to the property of, or personal injury to, any third party resulting from my child's participation in this activity.

**I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM ACCEPTING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE THE UNIVERSITY MAY DEEM NECESSARY FOR MY CHILD'S HEALTH AND SAFETY AND ALSO FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THIRD PERSONS OR THEIR PROPERTY THAT MY CHILD MAY CAUSE.**

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS SIGNATURE (Non Family Member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS NAME (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS TELEPHONE #

**This Agreement must be completed in full, without alteration, signed, dated and witnessed, and paragraph 3 must be initialled before the child may participate in the activity.**