

# **Parental Waiver - Chicago River Canoe & Kayak**

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**Acknowledgement of Inherent Risks:** I acknowledge that the following describes some, but not all, of the inherent risks of participating in the activity: 1) Changing water flow, currents, wave action and wakes from other boats; 2) Collision with any of the following: other participants, the interior of the watercraft in which I/we are riding or any other portion of the rented boat, other watercraft and man-made or natural objects; 3) Inclement weather, lightning, extremes of temperature and water temperature; 4) My child's sense of balance, physical coordination, ability to operate equipment, swim and/or follow directions; 5) Collision, capsizing, sinking or other hazard which results in wetness, injury, exposure to the elements, hypothermia, and/or drowning; 6) The presence of insects and animals; 7) Operator error; 8) Fatigue, chill and/or dizziness, which may diminish reaction time and increase the risk of an accident; 9) Water quality and its potential impact on health.

**EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY:** I agree to assume responsibility for the inherent risks of the activity including inherent risks not specifically identified. My child's participation in the activity is purely voluntary. I verify that my child is sufficiently physically fit and capable to participate in the activity. I assume full responsibility for my child, for any bodily injury, accident, illness, death, loss of personal property and expenses thereof resulting from inherent risks as my child participates in the activity.

I elect to allow my child to participate in the activity in spite of the risks. My child agrees to wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket) while participating in the activity.

**RELEASE:** In consideration of services or property received, I, for the children for whom I am parent, legal guardian or otherwise responsible, any heirs, personal representatives or assigns, agree that:

Chicago River Canoe & Kayak, its principals, agents, employees and volunteers, their insurers and each and every land-owner and municipal or governmental agency upon whose property the activity is conducted, and their insurers, if any, SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR HARM TO MY CHILD resulting from the inherent risks of the activity.

**I HAVE READ THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I AM EXPRESSING MY INTENT TO WAIVE VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS I MAY HAVE OR NOW HAVE AGAINST THE OWNER, THE OPERATOR NAMED ABOVE, OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SERVANTS OR ASSIGNS.**

**Chicago River Canoe & Kayak - Parental Waiver**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For my child: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete One: Scheduled Trip on: *Tuesday, May 28th*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's canoe experience (please select one):**

Beginner (never canoed) \_\_\_\_\_

Moderate (canoed a few times) \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced (canoed several times) \_\_\_\_\_



On Tuesday, May 28th, the 5th graders will be taking a trip to the Skokie Lagoons. Students will maneuver through the lagoons via canoe, viewing the natural surroundings. In addition, students will participate in a hike where we explore the bike path surrounding the Lagoon, taking time to write and draw to reflect on the experience. The cost of this trip is \$30 per student. This fee covers both the canoe rental and bus transportation.

Please return payment and the waiver on the reverse side by *Monday, May 20*.

On the day of the canoe trip, students will need a water bottle, non-heat-up/allergy-free lunch, and a drawstring backpack. Hats, sunscreen, and bug spray may also be a good idea. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
The 5th Grade Team