

THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE OUTING CLUB, INC.
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY
AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The Northwest Passage Outing Club, Inc. ("NWP"), offers to its members various programs or trips and tours ("Outing(s)"), and I have made application to be a participant in the Outing taking place on the date(s) below. The primary purpose of this Outing is *sea kayaking* in the *Chicago, Illinois metropolitan* geographic area. I understand that in joining this NWP Outing, I will be faced with certain inherent risks and exposures to danger in geographic areas which may be remote from facilities where medical treatment can be obtained. These risks and exposures could result in injury, loss of life or loss of personal property. I know that there are natural and/or man-made obstacles, hazards, and risks which, in combination with my actions, might cause or result in severe or fatal injury. Such hazards may include, but are not limited to: falling, falling objects, drowning, waterway obstructions, elevation changes, waterfalls, rapids, fast currents, rocks, temperature exposure (hypothermia, sunstroke, sunburn, heat exhaustion), equipment failure, improper use of equipment, inadequate or improper instruction or assistance, failure to wear protective clothing including life jackets, weather conditions including electrical storms, poor water quality, exposure to wild animals, insects, collapse of natural or man-made structures, potable water contamination, upset, inadequate or improper swimming skills (including life saving), and experience of participants and trip leaders. I agree to assume all responsibility for my participation in this NWP Outing. I hereby release and hold harmless, on my own behalf and that of my spouse or significant other, heirs, assigns and anyone else making claim on behalf of myself or that of my estate, NWP, its directors, officers, employees, agents and the other participants on the Outing from any and all liability in regards to this Outing from any claims I may have, whether arising from the negligence of NWP, its officers, directors, employees, agents and the other participants on the Outing or from any other cause. I will not sue The Northwest Passage Outing Club, Inc., its agents, officers, directors, employees for any damages to personal property or injury, including loss of life. Should I be injured on this Outing I understand that various expenses may be incurred in rendering rescue operations and medical care, and I agree that I will be responsible for any such costs of evacuation procedures, rescue operations and emergency or non-emergency medical services which may be occasioned by my participation in the Outing.

In making application to participate in the Outing, I affirm that I am in good health, capable of performing the required exercise to participate, and that I accept, at my personal risk, the hazards of such participation in the Outing and will not hold NWP, its members, other participants or its representatives responsible. In consideration of NWP accepting my application, I hereby release and forever discharge NWP, its officers, directors, servants, employees and agents and the other participants from any liability whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in the Outing. This release is binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

Outing: _____ Dates: _____ to _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt/Unit #: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A parent or legal guardian must also sign if the participant is under the age of 18

Signature _____ Date: _____