Guest Handbook

Whales and Grizzly Bears - Orca Waters Base Camp

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WELCOME

Thank you for deciding to spend your vacation kayaking with us at Kingfisher Wilderness Adventures.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform you about what to expect on your trip, provide you with important pre-trip information, and assist you in planning your trip. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions that are not covered here.

Pre-Trip Checklist:

- Emergency/Medical Forms: please return to Kingfisher Wilderness Adventures no later than one month before your trip's departure date. Please note any dietary restrictions on the medical form.
- Waiver: please read and understand. Your guides have a copy for you to sign at the pre-trip meeting.
- Plane tickets purchased.
- Passport: required for all travel into Canada from the U.S.
- Hotel reservations in Port McNeill.
- Additional hotel reservations for before and after kayak trip.
- Car rental reservation if necessary.
- Ferry reservations: reservations are advisable all summer to avoid lineups. Long weekends are especially busy.
- Trip clothing and personal items packed as per "What To Bring" checklist.
- Additional travel clothing packed for before and after kayak trip.
- **Trip cancellation insurance: purchase through your travel agent or other provider in case unforeseen events prevent you from going on your trip. While every policy is different most need to be purchased within days of booking your trip.**
- **Medical and travel insurance: purchase through your travel agent or other provider. Please ensure it includes wilderness activities and that it not only covers the cost of medical attention but also the cost of evacuation from a remote wilderness setting.**

What is not included on our tours: Kingfisher does not provide transport from your home to Port McNeill, nor do we provide airport transfers. Any meals outside the kayak portion of the tour are your responsibility. As noted above, travel insurance for accidents or emergency evacuation is not provided; we recommend you purchase a policy before leaving home. The trip price does not include guide gratuities; should you feel that the service was exemplary, it is always appreciated. We suggest 5–10% of the trip cost, based on the service and attention provided.

Important Times

The night before your kayak tour: The night before your trip starts you meet your guides at 8:00pm in our office at 1790A Campbell Way, Port McNeill for a pre-trip orientation meeting. We are 100 meters down the hill from the Black Bear Resort and just across the street from the Haida Way Motor Inn.

The morning you leave on your kayak tour: You meet the group around 8:30 am at our office on Campbell Way in Port McNeill. The exact time to meet is set at the pre-trip meeting. Our van transports you and your gear to the water taxi dock. It is imperative that you have already checked out of your hotel and had breakfast as the water taxi runs on a tight schedule.

The day you return from your kayak tour: We return to our office by approximately 5:00 pm. Please note that due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances it is possible we may arrive back after this time. For this reason we suggest staying in Port McNeill the last night of the trip so you are not rushing to try and catch flights. Most guests choose this option and get together for a no-host farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

TRAVELLING TO PORT MCNEILL

If driving to Port McNeill you need to sail on BC Ferries from the Vancouver area to either Nanaimo or Victoria on Vancouver Island. From Washington State, Coho Ferry sails between Port Angeles and Victoria. Drive time from Victoria to Port McNeill is approximately 5.5 hours and from Nanaimo to Port McNeill is approximately 4 hours.

Driving to Port McNeill is quite straightforward. From Victoria drive north on highway 1 to Nanaimo. From Nanaimo head north on Highway 19 until you see the sign for Port McNeill. Port McNeill is 1 minute off the main highway. The only other option to this route is north of Nanaimo just before you reach Parksville you can take the seaside route on Highway 19A. This route rejoins the main Highway 19 at Campbell River. The seaside route may add an extra hour to your trip.

Flights to Port Hardy (YZT), the closest airport to Port McNeill, depart from the south terminal of Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and are approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. These flights are operated by Pacific Coastal Airlines. Port Hardy airport is a 30 minute taxi ride from Port McNeill.

If flying with Air Canada or one of its partners, and you are not planning to visit Vancouver, you may want to check on flying to either Nanaimo (YCD), Victoria (YYJ) or Campbell River (YBL) on Vancouver Island. While you would still need to rent a car or take the bus it saves you the time and cost of the ferry.

Another option is to fly via Calgary (YYC) or Edmonton (YEG) to Comox (YQQ) on Vancouver Island with WestJet Airlines. Comox is about 2 1/2 hour drive south of Port McNeill.

Kenmore Air operates float plane service to Port McNeill from Seattle, Washington.

Island Coach Lines (Greyhound) operates once daily bus service between Victoria and Port McNeill. Connections can be made from Vancouver in Nanaimo. They offer significant savings if booking more than two weeks in advance.

Transportation	Website	Phone	Toll Free
Pacific Coastal Airlines	www.pacific-coastal.com	604-273-8666	1-800-663-2872
WestJet Airlines	www.westjet.com	403-444-2552	1-800-538-5696
Air Canada	www.aircanada.com	NA	1-888-247-2262
Kenmore Air	www.kenmoreair.com	425-486-1257	1-866-435-9524
Coho Ferry	www.cohoferry.com	250-386-2202	NA
BC Ferries	www.bcferries.com	250-386-3431	1-888-223-3779
Island Coach Lines	www.greyhound.ca	NA	1-800-661-8747
Recommended Port McNeill Accommodations			
Black Bear Resort	www.blackbearresort.net	250-956-4900	1-866-956-4900
At Water's Edge B&B	www.atwatersedge.ca	250-956-2912	1-866-956-2912
Additional Port McNeill Accommodations			
Haida Way Motor Inn	www.pmhotels.com	250-956-3373	1-800-956-3373
Dalewood Inn	www.dalewoodinn.com	250-956-3304	1-877-956-3304
McNeill Inn	www.portmcneillmotels.com	NA	1-866-888-3466

WHAT TO BRING

While the summer months in British Columbia are mostly warm and sunny, we still have a few cold and wet days. After all, the coast of British Columbia is the world's largest temperate rainforest. For maximum enjoyment on your trip in all types of weather please bring the items listed below.

It is important that your clothing be made of **synthetic materials or wool** to retain their warmth when wet. Most synthetics also have the advantage of being quick drying. **Avoid cotton clothing** because they lack warmth if wet and take a very long time to dry. All of the items listed below need to fit into four dry bags (which we supply). If you have any questions on what you need to bring please feel free to contact us.

Sleeping bag - fits into 40 litre dry bag
We supply sleeping bags, liners, and pillows to all guests but if you prefer to bring your own we recommend:

- A three season synthetic insulated bag

Clothing - fits into 20 litre dry bag
Please bring everything listed. There is duplication and you may not need everything, but in the event of getting wet or cold you will be glad you have it. While many people consider long underwear to be a winter item it can make a world of difference on a cool summer evening and can double as leggings under shorts during the day. The biggest heat loss area is the head and a warm hat can add immensely to your comfort.

- 1 pairs of short
- 2 pair of pants
- 2 long sleeve shirts
- 2 short sleeve shirts
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 3 to 4 pairs of socks
- 2 sets of long underwear
- 3 to 4 pairs of underwear
- 1 swimsuit
- 1 fleece jacket
- 1 baseball cap or sun hat
- 1 wool or fleece cap

Rain gear - fits into 10 litre dry bag
We provide waterproof kayaking jackets but you still need rain gear for around camp. Rain gear does not need to be breathable but it should be be waterproof - not water-repellent.

- 1 waterproof rain jacket with hood or rain hat
- 1 pair of waterproof rain pants

Personal items - fits into 10 litre dry bag

- Toiletries
- Sun screen
- Sunglasses with a retainer
- Prescription eyeglasses or contacts
- Spare eyeglasses or contacts
- Wet Wipes
- Synthetic camp towel
- Medication
- Spare medication
- Insect repellent
- Book
- Flashlight and batteries
- Camera
- Extra digital storage and batteries

Footwear – either worn or packed loose

- sandals or shoes you can get wet
- Walking or running shoes (preferably waterproofed)

Optional

- Rubber boots (some guests prefer these instead of wet shoes or sandals for kayaking. But, if you go too deep when entering or exiting your kayak the boots will be wet for the remainder of the trip).
- Wool or fleece gloves or mitts (if your hands easily get cold these are good to have for the evenings)
- Paddling or cycling gloves (we provide kayaking mitts for warmth, but if you are prone to blisters you may find cycling or paddling gloves to be beneficial).
- Farmer Jane/John wet suit to wear kayaking.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What to Bring
In addition to the items on the "what to bring" list above, base camp guests can be a little more liberal in what they bring. For example a musical instrument like a travel guitar or a child's favourite stuffed animal may be possible if we have advance notice.

Getting Your Feet Wet
Plan do get your feet wet. Getting off the water taxi when arriving at camp you can expect to step into ankle deep water. When getting in and out of kayaks you need to step into water that may be as deep as your shins. Flip Flop (thong) type sandals should not be worn as they are very unstable on slippery beaches. Water shoes or sandals must securely fasten to your feet.

Physical Fitness
Most guests consider the physical exertion level needed on our base camp trips to range from easy to moderate. If you are not normally a moderately active person or do not use your upper body much you may find a few weeks of light exercise before your trip will enhance your enjoyment. Swimming a few times a week for 3 to 4 weeks before your trip is a great way to get your kayaking muscles into shape.

Carrying Gear and Kayaks
Each trip brings in supplies for the trip on the same water taxi as the guests. This includes all the guests' personal gear, sleeping bags, and pillows plus all food and drinking water for the trip. Guests should be able to carry 20 to 35 pounds. However, we can accommodate most guests who have physical limitations. Please discuss these with us and disclose them on your medical form.

- Water canisters weigh 22 pounds and food boxes weigh up to 35 pounds.
- We ask all guests to help unload the water taxi and move the supplies 75 to 100 feet to the camp.
- Kayaks are stored at the camp and must be carried up to 75 feet to and from the water each day.
- Single kayaks weigh about 60 pounds when empty. At least two people carry single kayaks.
- Double kayaks weigh 80 to 100 pounds when empty. At least four people carry double kayaks.
- If kayaks have additional gear and weight in them additional people help carry the kayaks.

Charging Station
The base camp is equipped with a solar powered charging station for digital and video camera batteries. Please bring your charger and an adapter for North American style plugs if necessary (we still suggest bringing extra batteries).

Snacks and Water Bottles
A variety of snack bars and individual water bottles are provided to all guests during the trip. We often stop for short snack and water breaks while kayaking. Guests are welcome to bring additional personal snacks and their own water bottles if they wish.

Camp Cleanliness
To keep our camp clean and free of food (and food like) odours, we have a few requests. We'd like all guests to remember that no food or drinks are to go to your tent area. In addition to no food, no scented items are to go to the tent areas. This includes soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and sunscreen. Your guides instruct you on the appropriate storage of these items at the pre-trip meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hand Washing
Good sanitary practices are extremely important and it all begins with frequent hand washing. Your guides go over some basics on proper wilderness hand cleaning techniques both at the pre-trip meeting and at the base camp.

Hair and body washing
Our base camp has a rain catchment system and a propane heated shower; however this is not like your shower at home. Most guests use less than 10 litres of water per shower, enough to get themselves wet, lathered up and rinsed again. We provide biodegradable soap for your use in the shower. Some guests find "Wet Wipes" to be a satisfactory substitute. Please note that if we have has a prolonged dry spell there may not be enough fresh water available for the shower.

Brushing Teeth
To keep the camp clean and free of odours that may attract animals we ask that all teeth brushing is done on the beach below the high tide line. Spitting and rinsing is done right into the ocean.

Toilets
While our base camp has a pit toilet most other sites we stop at have no facilities whatsoever. Depending upon the area different methods may be used which your guides instruct in as necessary. All toilet paper is either burned or packed out. Each tour has a group toilet bag that includes toilet paper, hand sanitizer and zip lock bags for used paper and sanitary products.

Feminine hygiene products
Wilderness travel can cause changes in menstrual cycles. So even if unexpected, we suggest that female guests bring a supply of feminine hygiene products for the trip. All sanitary products are packed out and zip lock bags are included in our toilet bag for disposal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Waiver
In order to join the trip that you have booked, we require that you sign a waiver at your pre-trip meeting. A copy of the waiver is included with this handbook for your review. Please ensure you have read and understand the waiver prior to arriving at the meeting. Seek legal advice if you have any questions. If you do not sign the waiver at the pre-trip meeting we have no choice but to regard this as a last minute cancellation of your trip, with no notice, and consequently provide no refund.

Parental Consent
A parental consent addendum to the waiver is required to be completed at the pre-trip meeting for all guests under the age of 19. If the child's parent or legal guardian is not accompanying them on the trip please contact us to discuss our further requirements.

Medical form
Please complete the **on-line medical form** in full at least one month prior to your tour's departure date. As all our tours operate in wilderness settings, the more information we have in advance of the trip the better we can prepare. In the unlikely event of an emergency this form may be provided to outside medical attendants, so please ensure it is legible and accurate. Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding the medical form. If you prefer a to complete a paper copy instead of the on-line version please let us know and we can provide one.

Travel Medical Insurance
While unlikely, a medical evacuation plus any required medical attention can be expensive and all costs are the responsibility of the guest. For this reason we highly recommend purchasing adequate medical and travel insurance through your travel agent or other provider. You should ensure this covers you for wilderness activities, the cost of medical attention, and the cost of evacuation from a remote wilderness setting.

Tetanus
Tetanus, also known as lockjaw, is a serious illness caused by tetanus bacteria. The bacteria live in soil, saliva, dust and manure. If you get tetanus there is usually a long course of treatment. The tetanus vaccine can prevent tetanus but its protection does not last forever. Adults should get a tetanus shot, or booster, every 10 years. Without a current tetanus shot, if you were to get cut on your trip (even a minor cut) we would require you to be evacuated from the trip at your own expense for medical care. With a current tetanus shot, if the cut is manageable in the field you would likely be able to continue the trip.

Medication
Please include all prescription, non-prescription and homeopathic medications plus any vitamins or herbal supplements you may be taking. For medications that must be taken regularly please bring a second supply in a crush-proof and UV-proof container clearly marked with drug name, dose and instructions clearly labeled. Please have separate containers for each medication. Provide this second supply to your guide at the pre-trip meeting and for them to store it in a separate waterproof container just in case your main supply gets lost or destroyed.

Please note that we do not provide medications on our trips, not even something as basic as aspirin or Tylenol.

WILDLIFE VIEWING ETIQUETTE

One of the greatest attractions to our trips is the wide variety of wildlife we may encounter while paddling. Our guides are well versed in the areas we kayak, the habits of the local wildlife, and they regularly communicate with other kayakers, whale watchers, and researchers to improve our wildlife viewing possibilities. But please keep in mind that wildlife is just that, wild, and we cannot guarantee any wildlife sightings.

When we do encounter wildlife we have some basic rules that must be followed to ensure that wildlife is not adversely affected by our presence. At your pre-trip meeting your guides review our approach to wildlife viewing both on the water as well as on land.

We have listed below some of the animals we receive the most questions about as well as our approach to viewing and dealing with them. We may see many other animals and birds that are not listed below. The main goal when viewing any wildlife is not to disturb their normal activities. Your guides instruct you to stay close together as a group when viewing any wildlife and position the group appropriately to minimize any disturbance to the wildlife. Feeding of wild animals is strictly forbidden. There are provincial and federal laws that can result in fines and/or jail terms for feeding wildlife.

Orcas
Orca sightings are almost a daily occurrence on our Base Camp tours during July, August, and September and are seen intermittently during other months The main goal when paddling with orcas is not to disturb their normal activities. To achieve this we do not approach any closer than 100 metres to travelling orcas and never closer than 200 metres to resting orcas.

While kayaking, our approach to viewing orcas and other marine mammals varies depending upon their behaviour. Quite often we form a tight group by "rafting" our kayaks together so that we do not form an obstacle course they need to maneuver. We may paddle alongside orcas at a reasonable distance as they travel but we must be careful not to cross in front of them. Approaching too close or placing ourselves in their path may force them to change their route and normal behaviours.

Whales, dolphins and porpoises
The standards that we have in place for orcas also applies to all other whales, dolphins and porpoises.

Seals and Sea lions
Seals and sea lions pose another set of concerns that whales do not. We may often see seal and sea lions hauled out of the water on rocks. This is an important time for them to rest. The closest we should approach is 100 metres but if the animals seem agitated by our presence at greater distances we give them even more room.

Visit www.kingfisher.ca/whale_watching_guidelines_for_kayakers.htm for more info on marine mammal viewing guidelines.

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Black Bears
Black bears are quite common on our expedition style trips but are rarely seen around our base camp. When we do see black bears it is usually from our kayaks as they forage for food along the tide line. When in our kayaks we approach from downwind and come no closer than 100 metres, keeping noise to a minimum. If the bears become aware of our presence we immediately back away.

To ensure bears do not become habituated to kayakers and associate people and kayaks with food we must follow some basic procedures when in camp. All food, trash and recyclables must be properly stored to minimize scent and access. No food, gum, toiletries or other scented items are to be taken into tents at any time. If leaving camp take a "buddy" and make a lot of noise in the woods so as not to surprise an animal. Your guides cover basic precautions to be taken to avoid animal conflicts at your pre-trip meeting.

Grizzly Bears
It is extremely rare to see grizzly bears during the kayaking portion of this tour. However, on the last day we travel by boat to view grizzly bears at Glendale Cove in Knight Inlet . To provide protection for the bears, Glendale Cove and its immediate surroundings is designated a Special Management Zone (SMZ). We abide by guidelines established by leading provincial experts in bear ecology to ensure both continued success for the bears and maximized safety for visitors. As such, your compliance with the following is mandatory:

- There is to be no consumption of food, beverages or tobacco products within the SMZ. Habituating a bear to a human=food association may eventually result in the bear becoming deemed a 'problem' outside of the SMZ, ultimately resulting in its destruction.
- There is to be no use of photographic flashes or strobes. Use of these devices can startle animals with unpredictable consequences. Excessive noise and/or movement must be minimized.
- It's important to remember that sound travels very effectively over water and we don't want to scare animals off or deter others from revealing themselves from the tree line.
- Avoid the use of perfumes, aftershaves, deodorants, insect repellents or any potent fragrance. Smell is the primary means by which a bear analyzes its environment. Certain scents may attract or conversely deter bears from our proximity.
- Avoid bright and/or flashy clothing.

Cougars
Cougars are rarely seen on our trips but they are present throughout British Columbia. We have had four sightings in 13 years and each sighting was without incident. Like all cats, cougars can be curious but due to the size of our groups they usually avoid us as much as possible. In the unlikely event that we do encounter a cougar, below are a few points to keep in mind:

● Stay calm and keep the cougar in view. Pick up children immediately. Back away slowly, ensuring that the animal has a clear avenue of escape. Make yourself look as large as possible. Never run or turn your back on a cougar.

● If the cat shows intense interest or follows you, respond aggressively. Maintain eye contact with the cat, show your teeth and make loud noises. Arm yourself with rocks or sticks as weapons. Crouch down as little as possible when picking things up off the ground.

● If the cougar attacks, fight back. Keep the animal in front of you at all times. Convince the cougar you are a threat, not prey. Use anything you can as a weapon. Focus your attack on the cougar's face and eyes.

We do not wish to alarm our guests and we have never had a problem encounter with any wild animals. We wish to keep it that way by following the above precautions. For more info on bear and cougar safety visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/conserve/bearsandcougars.pdf .

Kingfisher Wilderness Adventures Ltd. - Waiver

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AGREEMENT

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CLAIM COMPENSATION OR SUE SHOULD YOU BE INJURED.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! **Initial: _____**

TO: **Kingfisher Wilderness Adventures Ltd. and its directors, managers, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, contractors, subcontractors, the owner's of facilities where Activities are held, successors and assigns (hereinafter collectively referred to as "THE RELEASEES").**

DEFINITION – This agreement shall apply to all activities, events or services provided, arranged, organized, sponsored or authorized by the Releasees, including but not limited to: kayaking, camping, hiking, meals, swimming, instructional sessions, activities, day tours, multi-day trips, transportation or travel by motorized boat, loading and unloading of boats, transportation or travel to and from locations used for the Activities; (hereinafter referred to as "**the Activities**").

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – SAFETY
I acknowledge that the risk of injury from the Activities is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury and death does exist. I acknowledge that I have been advised to wear a personal flotation device (lifejacket) at all times while in a kayak.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS – I am aware that participation in the Activities involves risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: slips and falls while boarding or disembarking from the kayak or motorized boat; overturning of the kayak; hypothermia due to exposure to very cold water; drowning; variation in the water conditions, surfaces and currents, including high waves and tides; changing and inclement weather conditions including storms, high wind and lightening; collision with rocks, trees, logs, deadfall, boating equipment and other kayaks, or motorized boats; equipment failure; accidents that occur while hiking and camping including steep slopes in their natural state that may contain many obstacles and hazards, and terrain that may not have been traveled on or climbed before and is not regularly patrolled or inspected; variation in the terrain including holes, depressions, loose gravel, rocks, mud, roots, seaweed, algae, barnacles, forest deadfall, or other natural or man-made objects on or adjacent to the trails; integrity of man-made structures including tent platforms, benches, tables, toilets; inability to obtain emergency medical assistance due to remoteness of locations; encounters with wild and domestic animals, becoming lost or separated from one's guide, or party; failure to act safely or within one's ability or to stay within designated areas; and negligence of other persons. I AM AWARE THAT ONE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE ACTIVITIES IS NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF THE ACTIVITIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE REFERRED TO ABOVE. I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT – In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in the Activities and permitting my use of their equipment, if any, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death, that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Activities, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C 1996, c.337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES AND INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in the Activities.

3. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity.

4. This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction.

5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

6. I am responsible for all costs of rescue or medical attention rendered to me, or for my benefit, arising from the Activities and I indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability in respect of any and all such costs.

In entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Activities, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

_____ _____
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE WITNESS

_____ _____
PRINT PARTICIPANT NAME CLEARLY DATE SIGNED

Participant's
Address: _____
Street City Prov/State

_____
Country Code Telephone

Release Waiver Adult

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4. I agree to be responsible for any injuries, damage or loss caused as a result of the use of my own equipment, including but not limited to stoves, tents, kayaks, etc.
5. I am responsible for all costs of rescue or medical attention rendered to me, or for my benefit, arising from the Activities.
6. If any term herein shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remaining clauses shall not be affected and shall be valid to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (for minors under age 19)
PRINT PARTICIPANT NAME CLEARLY	PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME CLEARLY

Date Signed: _____ Witness Signature: _____ Print Witness Name: _____

Participant's Address: _____

Street City Prov/State

Country Code Telephone

Reference Only
Minor Acknowledgement of Risk