



## PALMETTO PADDLERS TRIP REGISTRATION AND WAIVER

**Important Notice:** Coordinator/Leader's duties are limited to arranging campsites, shuttles and trip dates. Participants are responsible for their own safety, equipment and supplies. Any participant that expressly elects to leave the group activity, upon verbal notice to the trip coordinator / leader, does so at his or her own risk, assumes said risk and waives any responsibility of the Palmetto Paddlers organization, the trip coordinator / leader and any participating members or paddlers.

### WARNING

**A kayaking, canoeing, or rafting activity sponsor or kayak, canoe, or raft professional may not be liable for injury to or the death of a participant in kayaking, canoeing or rafting activity resulting from an inherent risk of kayaking, canoeing, or rafting activity, pursuant to a pending South Carolina bill.**

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Each of the undersigned, in consideration for membership in the Palmetto Paddlers, Inc. (Palmetto Paddlers) or to become a joint adventurer in Palmetto Paddler activities, hereby declares that they understand that boating and other activities in which they will engage with the Palmetto Paddlers are inherently dangerous and will expose them to hazards, both natural and manmade, which could result in significant risk of injury (including permanent disability and death) as well as economic losses. The hazards and dangers to which they will be exposed involve ever changing and unpredictable water, weather, and other natural conditions, defective or improper equipment, the actions and inactions of fellow adventurers, who may be negligent, and other unknown or unforeseeable risks and dangers. Each of the undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that (1) they know and appreciate the dangers described above; (2) they choose to proceed with Palmetto Paddler activities; (3) they expressly assume and accept full responsibility for the consequences of their exposure to all risks, hazards and dangers which they may encounter as a joint venturer in any Palmetto Paddler activity; (4) they assume and accept full responsibility for determining the adequacy of their skill, equipment, and physical condition to engage in any Palmetto Paddler activity and will not hold Palmetto Paddlers or any of its members liable for any advice that may be given whether related to equipment, river conditions, routes, or any other matter whatsoever; (5) they know and understand that they may assist fellow adventurers to the best of his/her own ability if they appear to need such assistance, but only for so long as they can do so, in their judgment, without unreasonably endangering themselves, and (6) they further understand that they have no obligation to assist, and that neither fellow adventurers nor any other member or guest of Palmetto Paddlers has any legal obligation to render assistance to them.

**NOW THEREFORE**, each of the undersigned releases and agrees to hold harmless and not to bring any legal action against the Palmetto Paddlers, its directors, officers, leaders, coordinators, instructors, members or guests (jointly, the Released Parties"), either personally or as a representatives of Palmetto Paddlers, arising out of and relating to any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries to person or property, actions or causes of action for acts of active or passive negligence (except willful or wanton negligence or misconduct), arising out of or connected with their participation in any Palmetto Paddlers activity. Each of the undersigned gives this release to enable joint adventurers and themselves to feel free to participate in Palmetto Paddlers activities and to donate his /her service to help each other without fear of liability. This release is given in consideration for similar releases granted or to be granted to his / her benefit by other Palmetto Paddler members and joint adventurers on Palmetto Paddler activities. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the failure to obtain releases from other participants shall not invalidate this release and waiver. This instrument has no expiration date and shall be deemed reaffirmed each time any of the undersigned participates in any Palmetto Paddlers activity. All paddlers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Each of the undersigned acknowledges that they are 18 years of age or older and that if they bring a minor participant on any trip they are deemed to have signed this release, and represent that they have the authority to do so, on behalf of the minor, and they further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties for any claims, demands, damages, injuries to person or property, actions or causes of action for acts of active or passive negligence (except willful or wanton negligence or misconduct), arising out of or connected with the minor's participation in any Palmetto Paddlers activity.

Skill Level :

Beginner (B)– novice, Class I and II rapids, able to wet exit

Intermediate (I)- good self rescue, able to negotiate sharp turns in fast currents, Class III

Advanced (A) - good Eskimo roll in current, Class IV, negotiate with GPS, technical moves in complex water

Expert (E) - Proficient Eskimo roll, class V, some training in WW rescue

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Trip Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_ of \_\_\_

Coordinator/Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home / Work E-mail

Length of Trip : \_\_\_\_\_ Miles \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Days Potential Hazards \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Skill Level:  Beginner (B)  Advanced (A)  Expert (E) Acceptable Craft  Canoes  Rec/Touring  
 ( Check )  Intermediate (I)  WW Kayaks  Fiberglass

**Equipment Required: All trips - PFD/Life Jacket ---- Whitewater trips :** Helmets, boat floatation as needed

**Equipment Recommended: All trips --**Drinking water, knife, hat/sun protection, first aid kit, extra clothing (not cotton), maps /compass/GPS , lights for boat or PFD, food and emergency equipment ----- **Whitewater trips ---** Throw rope, rescue tools, and boat floatation. Recommended this trip: \_\_\_\_\_

***AFTER READING PAGE ONE FIRST, EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY CONTAIN ON THE REVERSE PAGE AND THAT THEY SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY THEREBY GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS.***

Name	Skill Level	Phone # / E-mail Address	Emergency Contact / Phone #
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