

## ***Release of Liability***

### ***Read Carefully – This Affects Your Legal Rights***

In exchange for participation in the canoe trip organized by the Lac qui Parle – Yellow Bank Watershed District (LqP-YBWD) and/or use of the property, facilities, services of the LqP-YBWD and any accompanying and/or assisting parties, I,

\_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_.

Agree for myself and (if applicable) for the members of my family, to the following:

1. Agreement to follow Directions. I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by LqP-YBWD, or the employees, representatives, or assisting agents of LqP-YBWD.
2. Assumption of the risks and release. I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the above described activity and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) my family members, and further release and discharge LqP-YBWD for injury, loss, or damage arising out of my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities and equipment of LqP-YBWD and any assisting agents, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, LqP-YBWD or other third parties.
3. Indemnification. I agree to indemnify and defend LqP-YBWD against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities and equipment of the LqP-YBWD and any assisting parties.
4. Fees. I agree to pay for all damages to the facilities and equipment of the LqP-YBWD and any assisting parties caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions by me or my family.
5. Applicable law. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in the above shall be resolved under Minnesota law.
6. No duress. I agree and acknowledge that I am under no pressure or duress to sign this Agreement and that I have been given a reasonable opportunity to review it before signing. I further agree and acknowledge that I am free to have my own legal counsel review this Agreement if I so desire.
7. Arm's length agreement. This agreement and each of its terms are the product of an arm's length negotiation between the Parties. In the event any ambiguity is found to exist in the interpretation of the Agreement, or any of its provisions, the Parties, and each of them, explicitly reject the application of any legal or equitable rule of interpretation which would lead to a construction either "for" or "against" a particular party based upon their status as the drafter of a specific term, language, or provision giving rise to such ambiguity.

8. Enforceability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement, whether standing alone or as applied to a particular occurrence or circumstance, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement or of any applications of such provision, as the case may be, and such invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.
9. Emergency Contact. In case of an emergency, please call \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this document and understand it. I further understand that by signing this release, I voluntarily surrender certain legal rights.

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

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For minor participants only:

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_