

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

**HUCK FINN RAFTING ADVENTURES
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In consideration of the services of Huck Finn Rafting Adventures, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "HFRA"). I hereby agree to the release and discharge HFRA, on behalf of my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns personal representative state and myself as follows:

1. I acknowledge that river rafting entails known and unanticipated risks, which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity. The risks include among other things white water rapids will encountered. You can be jolted, jarred, bounced, thrown to and fro and shaken about during the ride through some of these rapids. Boats could turn over, or you could be separated from the raft. You can slip or fall during a hike resulting in damage to equipment or personal injury. Accidents could occur getting in or out of the boat. Rafts, canoes, and duckies are slippery when wet. Exposure to the natural elements could be uncomfortable and/or harmful. You should be aware that this exposure could cause sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke or heat cramps. Also, prolonged exposure to the cold water can result in hypothermia and in extreme cases death. Furthermore, HFRA personnel have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be ignorant of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements or the terrain. They may give inadequate warning or instructions, and the equipment being used may malfunction.
2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risk existing in this activity. My participation in the activity is completely voluntary and I elect to participate in spite of the risk.
3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge and agree to indemnify that and hold harmless HFRA from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of HFRA's equipment or facilities; including any such claims which allege negligence, acts or emissions of HFRA.
4. I certify that I have adequately insured to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear cost of such injury or damage to myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety or this activity or else I am willing to assume and bear the cost of all risk that may be created directly or indirectly by any such condition.
5. In the event that a dispute arises with HFRA I agree to do so within the state of North Carolina and I further agree that the substantive law of the state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of the laws of that state.

I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant: _____ Print Name : _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

**PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION
(Must be completed for all participants under the age of 18)**

In consideration of _____ (print minors' name and age) ("minor") being permitted by HFRA to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless HFRA from any and all claims which are brought by or on behalf of minor and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by minor.