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## Canoeing Information and Required Waiver

You should have already received (or downloaded) your Confirmation Packet for your chosen camp program. These two pages are IN ADDITION to your Confirmation Packet and includes "Additional Items to Pack & Bring," safety information, and your Canoeing Waiver (Twin River Outfitters). Carefully read all the enclosed information. **This waiver must be returned to Camp Bethel at least 7 days before your first day of camp. Submit this waiver online at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org/packets](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org/packets).**

### Additional Items to Pack for Canoeing, plus Safety for our Adventure day-trip:

Canoeing: For canoeing, Twin River Outfitters provides canoes, paddles, PFDs. Camp Bethel provides lunches for all outings.

- *Swim suit, trunks or shorts for swimming to wear in the canoe.*
- *Water shoes or strap-on sandals for canoe*
- *Sunscreen: we lather up when we arrive at each outfitter*
- *Dry clothes & shoes to remain in vehicle & to change into in case of rain*
- *Rain jacket with hood*
- *If you wear glasses, you will need a strap to keep them on*
- *2 water bottles*
- *Backpack/day pack or book bag.*
- *1-2 large plastic trash bags.*
- *\*Waterproof camera with flash & strap optional.*
- *Twin River (canoe) participant waiver, submitted online, uploaded, mailed back, or given to Camp Bethel registrar at check-in.*

### Safety for our Adventure day-trips:

All vehicles used for transporting campers are equipped with a first aid kit and emergency accessories. All vehicles have seatbelts for each passenger, and we check vehicle safety conditions prior to transport. Counselors will carry health forms for all passengers and a cell phone for emergency communication. Campers get full safety orientation prior to our day-trip.

Passengers (campers) are instructed in the following safety procedures prior to transporting:

1. Passengers will remain seated at all times with hands and arms inside vehicle.
2. Seatbelts will be fastened – one person per seatbelt.
3. Noise level will be such as to not distract the driver. There will be no disruptive behavior.
4. Passengers will enter and leave the vehicle under the direction of a staff member and/or driver. If the vehicle makes an emergency stop, passengers will follow directions of staff member and/or driver and use buddy system if leaving the vehicle.

The Directors of Camp Bethel have selected our Adventure outfitters (those providing equipment, leadership and expertise) and off-site projects based upon their qualifications and their adherence to safety standards as outlined by the American Camp Association.

**Complete and return ASAP to: Camp Bethel Registrar, 328 Bethel Rd, Fincastle, VA 24090**



**JAMES RIVER BASIN CANOE LIVERY**

**D.B.A. Twin River Outfitters**

653 Lowe Street, Buchanan, VA 24066

Phone: 540-261-7334 Internet: canoevirginia.net Email: tro@canoevirginia.net

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Trip	_____
# Boats	_____
Launch	_____
Take Out	_____

**PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

**\*\*\*\*READ BEFORE SIGNING\*\*\*\***

Name of Participant/Camper: (print) \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Last, First MM DD YYYY

Dates of camp participation (Ex: July 24-29): \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: Barry LeNoir, Camp Bethel Director NUMBER: 540-992-2940; C: 540-797-3149

**In consideration of James River Basin Canoe Livery leasing equipment to me, I hereby assume all LEGAL responsibility for the inherent risks and dangers of the agreed to activities. I do hereby agree to the following conditions:**

1. I understand that there are inherent risks involved with these activities including, but not limited to the potential for sunburn, sun stroke, heat exhaustion, dehydration, insect / animal bites, cuts, scrapes, broken bones, drowning, permanent paralysis, and death. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISK, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation.
2. I agree to wear my life jack at all times while on the water and will comply with all Federal, State and Local laws. I understand that consumption of alcoholic beverages is unsafe for any water activity and illegal in public (Which includes on the river and at public boat landings), and not approved by the Livery.
3. I UNDERSTAND that there are seen and unseen dangers associated with this activity. I understand that severe storms or Acts of God may arise at a moment's notice and I will immediately remove my party from danger. I understand that all trips are self guided and that I am personally accountable for self rescue of my party. I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions. If I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
4. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless and agree not to sue JAMES RIVER BASIN CANOE LIVERY, its officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsors, volunteers, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of land or premises used to conduct the event (RELEASEES), from any and all claims, damages, losses, injuries, and expenses arising out of or resulting from participating in these activities.
5. I hereby agree to return all equipment at the mutually agreed set time, date, location in the same condition as it was received. I also agree that the boat will only be taken on the waters agreed to prior to the trip.
6. I represent and warrant that I, and any person accompanying me are capable Swimmers, who are at least six years old, and are in good physical condition to participate in this trip.
7. I agree to report all damage or lost items immediately at the end of the trip and pay for them at that time, plus any collection attorney's fees that the Livery incurs though my failure to do so, according to the following schedule:  
 Boat damaged beyond repair, (Includes during Recovery) Up to the following amounts, \$850 Canoe / \$500 Kayak / \$2000 Raft  
 Broken / Lost Thwart (Includes during Recovery) \$25, Broken / Lost Seat (Includes during Recovery) \$40  
 Hull torn or punctured (Includes during Recovery) \$20 per inch, Hull crushed or wrinkled (Includes during Recovery) \$50  
 Paddle Lost, Broken, or unreturned \$20 canoe paddle / \$40 kayak paddle, Life jacket lost \$20  
 Boat recovery (When possible & convenient & safe) \$20 each man hour, \$45.00 Min  
 Pick up after 7 PM \$15 per boat

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

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 Signature of Participant/Minor (Camp Bethel Camper) Date

FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE (UNDER 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION) This is to certify that I, as parent /guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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 Signature of Parent / Guardian Date