

**Bemidji State University Department of Campus Recreation
Outdoor Program - Water Front
Participant agreement, release, and acknowledgement of risk**

In consideration of the services of the Bemidji State University Outdoor Program, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, sponsors, and other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter referred to as "BSU OPC"), I hereby agree to release and discharge the BSU OPC, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that being in the water/lake 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.

Furthermore, BSU OPC employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be ignorant of a participant's fitness or abilities. Instructors may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless BSU OPC 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 BSU OPC's equipment or facilities, including any such claims, which allege negligent acts or omissions of BSU OPC.

4. Should BSU OPC or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs

5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage to myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions, which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of - all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against BSU OPC on the basis of any claim from which I have released him or her herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Participant _____ **date** _____

____ **BSU student** ____ **BSU faculty/staff** ____ **non-BSU** ____ **18 or older**

date of birth _____

Print Name _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Parent or Guardian's additional Indemnification (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (**print minor's name**) ("Minor") being permitted by BSU OPC to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless BSU OPC 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____