

# RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

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(707) 433-1958 Russian River Watershed Cleanup September 16, 2017

*Please initial bottom of page and sign/date next page, parents sign for all minors!*

In consideration of the use of the property, facilities and/or services of Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma or the Russian River Watershed Cleanup, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees as follows:

**WARNING.** There are significant elements of risk in any adventure or activity associated with the use or presence of water craft, including but not limited to canoes, kayak, rafts, stand up paddleboards and tubes, and the use of related equipment or walking along beach or riverbank areas while working on the Cleanup. These risks are inherent in canoeing & kayaking and may be present even if the equipment is used properly and in areas of still water.

**SCOPE OF RELEASE.** This Release of Liability covers all activities indirectly or directly associated with the use of Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma or the Russian River Watershed Cleanup, facilities, services, and activities organized by, sponsored by, or directed by Russian Riverkeeper in association with the Russian River Watershed Cleanup.

**RISK FACTORS.** The undersigned understands and acknowledges that the Russian River Watershed Cleanup Activities involve risks such as, but not limited to, the following: (i) changing water flow, conditions or current; (ii) collision with other participants, any portion of the interior of the craft, other water craft, manmade or natural objects, including overhanging, submerged and/or semi submerged trees, branches, rocks and boulders; (iii) cold weather and heat related injuries and illnesses including hyperthermia, frostbite, heat exhaustion, sun stroke, and dehydration; (iv) inclement weather, variances and extremes of wind, weather and temperature, the presence of insects and animals; (v) sense of balance, physical coordination, ability to swim, and/or ability to follow directions; (vi) loss of control of the craft, collision, capsizing, and sinking of the craft which can result in wetness, injury, exposure to the elements, hypothermia and drowning; (vii) getting in and out of the craft; (viii) travel, including hiking, portaging and travel to and from the related and unrelated activities; (ix) the presence of wild animals, including marine life forms, (x) unavailability of emergency aid services and emergency medical care. The undersigned acknowledges that Russian Riverkeeper Activities, as well as other foreseeable or unforeseeable factors or circumstances, may result in a **RISK OF PROPERTY DAMAGE, BODILY INJURY, AND POSSIBLY DEATH.**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** By executing this Release of Liability, the undersigned expressly assumes all risk that arise from the participation in the Russian River Watershed Cleanup Activities, the acts of others, the unavailability of emergency care, and any other foreseeable or unforeseeable factors or circumstances related to the Russian River Watershed Cleanup, Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma. The undersigned assumes all risk of injury, wrongful death or property damage related to the Russian River Watershed Cleanup, Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma Activities.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.** The undersigned acknowledges that he or she has read and understood all of the rules, policies and procedures relating to Russian River Watershed Cleanup, Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma and understands that the safe and proper use of the facilities, equipment and participation in Russian River Watershed Cleanup Activities is dependent upon carefully following such rules, policies and procedures. The undersigned agrees to wear a properly fitted and fastened U.S. Coastguard approved flotation device (lifejacket) while aboard a boat or on or in the water. The undersigned understands that canoeing and kayaking should only be undertaken after proper instruction and training and that Russian River Watershed Cleanup, Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma are not providing such training in connection with the rental of equipment. The undersigned assumes full responsibility for deciding where, when and with whom to paddle, walk, wade or any other Cleanup Activity. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the rental or loaned equipment provided by Russian Riverkeeper is for the sole and exclusive use of the undersigned and may not be used by any other person.

**Participant Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AND SKILLS.** The undersigned represents that he or she has the requisite skills, physical abilities and mental abilities necessary for proper and safe use of the Russian River Watershed Cleanup, Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma equipment, facilities and services and to participate in the Russian Riverkeeper Activities. The undersigned agrees that if he or she has any questions as to what skills, qualifications or training are necessary to properly use the equipment or facilities, or to participate in the Russian River Watershed Cleanup, Russian Riverkeeper and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma then they shall direct such questions to the appropriate staff member on site.

**RELEASE.** The undersigned hereby releases, discharges, waives, disclaims and relinquishes all claims, actions or causes of action against Russian Riverkeeper and its officers, employees and agents and officers, employees and agents of Russian River Watershed Cleanup, and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma, its officers, agents and employees and all Russian River Watershed Cleanup sponsors, vendors, organizers, staff and volunteers ("Released Parties"), and agrees not to sue them on account of or in conjunction with any claims, causes of action, injuries, damage, cost of expenses arising out of Russian Riverkeeper Activities, including those based on death, bodily injury or property damage whether or not caused by participation in Russian Riverkeeper Activities or the negligence of Released Parties; provided, however, the foregoing release shall not apply to claims solely based on the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Released Parties .

**WAIVER.** The undersigned waives the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction including California Code 1542 whose purpose, substance, and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise which the person giving the release does not know of or suspect at the time of executing the release. This means, in part, that the undersigned is releasing unknown future claims.

**INDEMNITY.** The undersigned agrees to indemnify and defend Russian Riverkeeper, and its officers, employees and agents and Russian River Watershed Cleanup, and/or River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips, LLC, Russian River Adventures, Burke's Canoe Trips, Johnson's Beach/Oddfellows Beach, the County of Sonoma, its officers, agents, and employees and all Russian River Watershed Cleanup sponsors, vendors, organizers, staff and volunteers (each, an "Indemnitee") and hold them harmless from any or all claims, causes of action, damage judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees which in any way arise from the undersigned's participation in the Russian Riverkeeper Activities, which include but are not limited to damages to or destruction of any property of an Indemnitee, of any other' property, injury or death of the undersigned or anyone else or any liability arising from the act or negligent act of an Indemnitee, the undersigned or anyone else; provided, however, the foregoing indemnity shall not apply to claims related solely to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnitee.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE.** The undersigned agrees to pay for any or all damages to any property of an Indemnitee caused by the undersigned either negligently, willfully, or otherwise.

**REPRESENTATIVES.** The undersigned has executed this Release of Liability for himself or herself, and his or her heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

**EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONSENT.** The undersigned, as a participant in the subject activity, hereby consents to medical treatment in a medical emergency where the undersigned is unable to consent to such treatment.

**INSURANCE.** The undersigned understands that the Russian Riverkeeper and the other Released Parties do not carry participant insurance. The undersigned acknowledges that they either have appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all cost of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on their behalf.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.** The undersigned has read and understands this Release of Liability and realizes it relates to surrendering valuable legal rights and assuming important legal responsibilities and does so freely and voluntarily.

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONSENT AND RELEASE ON BEHALF OF MINOR**

**MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEAR OLD**

I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the above named minor. I have read and understand the Release of Liability involves surrendering valuable legal rights of the minor and myself. I agree to be bound by all terms of the Release of Liability. I also give my consent to the participation in the Russian River Watershed Cleanup by the minor.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian - Consent and Release on Behalf of the Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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