

**AGREEMENT TO ASSUME ALL RISKS; RELEASE OF LIABILITY/ AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE & TO INDEMNIFY**

*Please read this contract carefully.*

*It releases Star Valley Raft and Paddle LLC from liability and waives certain rights.*

In consideration of being permitted to participate in a river-based instruction trip or training with Star Valley Raft and Paddle LLC ("SVRP"), I, the Participant, (or if the Participant is under the age of 18, I, on the Participant's behalf) understand, acknowledge, and contractually agree as set forth below (the Agreement):

**1. Acknowledgement of Dangers and Risks:** I understand, acknowledge, and agree that participating in a water-based instruction trip and/or training which may include whitewater boating and rafting, stand up paddleboarding, closed deck and sit-on-top kayaking, swiftwater instruction, training, and related transport by or with SVRP (hereinafter the "Activity"), can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVE THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY AND/OR DEATH**. I understand, acknowledge, and agree that I am a "recreational participant" under the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act (W.S. § 1-1-121, *et seq.*) and that participating in the Activity involves certain inherent dangers and risks that cannot be eliminated or controlled by SVRP, the presence of which are integral to the adventurous nature of the Activity. I contractually agree that the following dangers and risks that could cause physical or emotional injury or death are inherent to the Activity, but that the list of inherent risks is not exhaustive – I understand and acknowledge that there are many other dangers or risks associated with the Activity not listed below: 1) Risks associated with boating, rafting, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, swiftwater instruction, training and being around or in water, including: falling into water; water immersion, including drowning; jolting or jarring resulting in contact with hard objects including oars, paddles, boating equipment, the body parts of other participants, and rocks; injurious contact with natural and manmade objects; capsizing or flipping watercrafts; becoming tangled in ropes; getting trapped or caught beneath an overturned watercraft; being trapped by a hydraulic, swift current, undercut or other river feature; foot entrapment; trapped limbs; striking and/or becoming entangled with strainers or other objects under the surface of the water; improperly rigged gear or equipment; failure to understand how to properly use or maintain equipment during a trip resulting in its failure or malfunction; failure to understand and follow instructor instructions; hypothermia; physical over-exertion; mental or physical shock; slipping, tripping or falling around or from watercrafts; burning associated with hot surfaces and sun; and errors in instructor judgment or lapse in instructor skill. 2) Risks associated with transport in a motor vehicle, including: all commonly understood risks of riding in a vehicle, including crashes; risks associated with riding in a vehicle in remote terrain on backcountry unimproved roads; and lapse in driver or instructor judgment or skill. 3) Risks associated with riverside activities, and being on an outdoor watersports instruction trip or training with other participants and relying upon instructors, including but not limited to: changing or unexpected natural or man-made river conditions; rough or unmaintained trail; slipping, tripping or falling; variations in terrain; exposure to steep terrain; allergen exposure; exposure to poisonous plants; exposure to various dangerous or diseased wildlife or insects, including bee or wasp stings, tick, bat, snake or venomous reptile bites; falling trees, rocks, or other objects; moving objects associated with extreme weather; changing weather, dangerously cold temperatures, dangerously hot temperatures, or temperature fluctuations; wind, hail, lightning, heavy rain, and other adverse weather conditions; lack of shelter; extreme or partial darkness; wildfire and associated smoke; burns or burning associated with hot surfaces and sun exposure; exposure to food-borne, water-borne, vector-borne, or airborne bacteria, virus, or pathogens; exposure to food allergens; slipping, tripping, or falling while wading or walking along the water's edge; falling into the water while onshore; landslides; rock-fall; mudslides; flashfloods; dangerous water crossings; all manner of outdoor injuries including head injury, spinal injury, broken bones, overstretching or over-exertion; athletic injuries; cuts, abrasions, burns, internal injury, sickness or disease, hypothermia, frostbite, sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, and hyponatremia; mentally or physically unstable or criminal trip participants; negligence by trip participants or other members of the public; inadequate or incorrect medical care; poorly executed or failed rescue attempts; dangerous contact with rescue vehicles or aircraft; failure of or lack of communication equipment; inadequate or malfunctioning equipment; errors in instructor judgment or lapse in instructor skill; and mental, physical, or emotional injury or distress from exposure to the inherent risks listed herein. I understand that SVRP has done its best to list the known risks of participating in the Activity, but agree that I have the right, obligation, and opportunity to research and verify the risks of participating in the Activity.

**2. Assumption of Risk:** I acknowledge and agree that I am choosing to take part in the Activity despite the dangers and risks of doing so, and freely choose to accept the risks of participating in the Activity. I recognize that property loss, physical or emotional injury, and death are all possible while participating in the Activity. I expressly acknowledge and assume all inherent risks, dangers, and consequences of the Activity, including but not limited to those risks, dangers, and consequences set forth in paragraph 1 above, that may result in physical or emotional injury, property damage, or death.

**3. Participant's Responsibilities and Representations:** I represent that I am physically and mentally capable of participating in the Activity. I understand the importance of all safety instructions given to me, whether in writing, visually, or verbally, and agree to follow all instructor instructions at all times while engaging in the Activity. Further, I represent that I have had the opportunity to both independently research and discuss with SVRP the risks of participating in the Activity and my assumption of those risks. I have been informed of and understand the expectations of me while engaging in the Activity. I have been informed of the increased risk associated with running higher classes of whitewater, and of the changing nature of such risk as water levels change. I understand that paddling or rowing my own watercraft carries heightened and additional risks to those assumed by a Participant in a traditional guided river trip and

that the inherent risks of the trip are heightened and enhanced by the fact that the watercraft in which the Participant will be traveling down the river will not be controlled by an experienced guide who is familiar with the river, the rapids on the river, and the dynamic nature of river conditions. I acknowledge that when paddling or rowing my own watercraft that all risks inherent to traveling by watercraft down the river are heightened, and the risk of injury or death is correspondingly higher. I acknowledge and agree that any and all equipment provided by SVRP may malfunction, fail, not fit properly, or otherwise not function as intended. I acknowledge and agree that although a personal floatation device (PFD) or other safety equipment may be provided, this equipment is no guarantee of my safety, and such equipment may not protect me from all injuries, including the types of injuries that the PFD or other safety equipment is designed to prevent. I agree that if I choose to use my own equipment (including a personal PFD), that I am responsible for its use, condition, maintenance, and fit. I understand that SVRP may require the use of helmets or cold-water protection in certain instances. I further understand that not all conceivable safety equipment may be provided in all situations, and that I will provide any safety equipment I deem necessary or advisable for the activity. I acknowledge that, if I consume drugs or alcohol, I will bear sole responsibility for myself and for any damages I may cause to SVRP, its property, or to other guests, and I may be removed from participation in an Activity. I understand that I am responsible for truthfully disclosing and notifying SVRP of any risk to me or other participants associated with my own mental or physical conditions, including allergies that could result in anaphylaxis. I specifically and expressly agree that I have full responsibility for managing and treating any such conditions to prevent injury to myself or others. I acknowledge that, in order to preserve the wilderness experience, SVRP may not utilize satellite communications devices for the purpose of receiving warnings or related information that could impact safety during the Activity, from any source. Participant expressly agrees that SVRP shall have no duty to utilize communications technology of any kind, including satellite technology, for that purpose, and I expressly assume all risk associated with the lack of any such information. I am not relying on any prior oral, written, or visual representations made by SVRP, including in any website or promotional materials, to induce me to go on any adventure activity. With all of the foregoing in mind, I assume full responsibility for my own safety.

**4. Release of Liability and Agreement Not to Sue:** Fully understanding the foregoing paragraphs, and in exchange for SVRP's agreement to allow the Participant to participate in the Activity, **I HEREBY AGREE NOT TO SUE STAR VALLEY RAFT AND PADDLE LLC**, its affiliated companies and subsidiaries, or any of their respective successors in interest, affiliated organizations and companies, insurance carriers, agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, members, managers, or shareholders (each hereinafter a "Released Party") for any property damage or loss, injury or loss to Participant, including death, which Participant may suffer, arising in whole or in part out of Participant's participation in the Activity. The undersigned further waives liability of the United States and acknowledges and agrees that the United States and its officers and employees are fully released from any liability for injuries, damages, or losses that the undersigned sustains as a result of or in connection with the undersigned's participation in this Activity. By signing this Agreement Not to Sue, I am releasing any right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against any Released Party. I agree to hold harmless and release each and every Released Party from any and all liability and/or claims or causes of action for injury or death to persons or damage or loss to property arising from Participant's participation in the Activity, **INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE CLAIMS BASED ON ANY RELEASED PARTY'S ALLEGED OR ACTUAL NEGLIGENCE** or breach of any contract and/or express or implied warranty (but not gross negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct).

**5. Agreement to Indemnify:** I agree to **INDEMNIFY (REIMBURSE)** each Released Party from and for any and all claims of the undersigned Participant and/or a third party arising in whole or in part from Participant's participation in the Activity, including claims based on negligence or any other cause of action except gross negligence. In other words, if Participant and/or anyone on Participant's behalf files any lawsuit or brings any claim for injury or damage against any Released Party, including claims for negligence or any other cause of action except for gross negligence, the undersigned will be required to pay back to each and every Released Party or Parties all sums of money incurred by or paid by or on behalf of the Released Party or Parties on account of the bringing of such suit or claim, including all attorneys' fees and costs.

**6. Medical Authorization, Release, and Indemnification:** I hereby: a) authorize the Released Parties to undertake any emergency medical care for me; b) authorize the Released Parties and/or their authorized personnel to call for medical care for me or to transport me to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed; c) agree that, following my transport to any such medical facility or hospital, the Released Parties shall not have any further responsibility for me; d) agree to pay all costs associated with the medical care, rescue, or any related transportation provided for me; and e) shall hold each and every Released Party harmless from any claims associated with such medical care and/or related transportation

**7. Application of Agreement to Minor Participants:** In the case of a minor Participant, I, as parent or legal guardian, acknowledge that I am not only signing this Agreement on my behalf, but that I am also signing on behalf of the minor and that the minor shall be bound by all of the terms of this Agreement. Additionally, by signing this Agreement as the parent or legal guardian of a minor Participant, I understand that I am also waiving certain rights on behalf of the minor that the minor otherwise may have. I agree that but for the foregoing, the minor Participant would not be permitted to participate in the Activity and sign this document out of a desire to have the minor Participant be allowed to participate in the Activity. I represent that I am a **legal** parent or guardian of the minor Participant, and I will indemnify the Released parties for any damage caused to them if this representation is false.

**8. Representation of Capacity to Contract, and Acknowledgement That Agreement is a Binding Contract:** I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, and that I have the capacity to understand and be bound by all of the provisions of this Agreement. I understand and acknowledge that this Agreement is a contract and shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. It is my intent that this Agreement shall be binding upon my assignees, subrogors, distributors, heirs, next of kin, executors, and personal representatives, and those of the minor Participant.

**9. Agreement to Application of Wyoming Law and Selection of Forum:** I agree that any and all claims for injury and/or death arising from my participation in the Activity shall be governed by Wyoming law, and that the exclusive jurisdiction for any claim shall be in the District Court of Lincoln County, Wyoming, without regard to where the incident giving rise to any lawsuit occurs, and without regard to any jurisdiction's conflicts of laws analysis.

**10. Miscellaneous Provisions:** I agree that SVRP may utilize my photograph, or video of me participating in the Activity for any purpose, and that any such image is the property of SVRP. If any sentence, clause, paragraph or part of this Agreement is declared unenforceable, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect. This Agreement can be modified only in writing. An electronic signature or acknowledgment of agreement upon this contract is fully binding and enforceable, and a copy of this executed Agreement may be used as if it is the original. I agree that any subcontractors or other vendors utilized by SVRP during or incidental to the Activity are solely responsible for injury that occurs to me while I am in their care, and that SVRP is not in a joint venture with any such vendor or subcontractor. I agree that SVRP is not a common carrier.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING THREE PAGE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT I AM RELEASING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS THAT I OR MY MINOR CHILD OTHERWISE MAY HAVE. I AGREE TO BE FULLY BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

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Signature

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Printed Full Name

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Date

If signing on behalf of a minor, printed full name of minor Participant: \_\_\_\_\_