



Rogue Community College District (RCC)

RIVER RAFTING COURSE POLICIES

- All Rafters must sign a RCC FIELD TRIP, OFF-SITE TRAINING AND CLUB EVENTS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM (to which these policies are attached as an addendum) in order to participate in the River Rafting Course. Rafters under the age of 18 must also have a parent or legal guardian sign the document.
- Note: Individuals signing the RCC FIELD TRIP, OFF-SITE TRAINING AND CLUB EVENTS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM for themselves whom appear to be under the age of 25 will be required to provide a valid state photo I.D. card.
- All Rafters should be in good physical condition and be comfortable in and around moving/turbulent water. Persons with any disabilities, medical restrictions, or any limitations which would prohibit them from participating in a strenuous physical activity should not raft.
- Group leaders are responsible for providing all persons in their group with trip information. All rafters should be prepared for all weather conditions and river conditions.
- Footwear and regulation life jackets are required to be worn by all Rafters on or near the water on all trips. Shoes should be fastened securely to the foot and over the heel. No bare feet or loose fitting shoes will be allowed. An old pair of gym shoes with wool socks or neoprene booties works the best. In addition, a list of appropriate rafting attire is attached hereto.
- No containers of any kind will be allowed (coolers, cans, backpacks etc.) on the trips. Rafts will have limited space for day use items such as sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.
- All safety equipment issued by RCC for the trip will be worn by Rafters at all times.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed on the rafts, or consumed during trips.
- RCC reserves the right to refuse enrollment to any person RCC determines, in its sole discretion, is unfit for the course. In addition, RCC reserves the right to refuse to allow a person enrolled in the course to participate in a specific raft trip or other activity if RCC determines, in its sole discretion, that the person is unfit for the activity or trip, or whose presence may compromise the safety of the other participants.
- RCC reserves the right to have the final say in all matters pertaining to the trips and to amend policies at any time.
- All Rafters (excluding RCC instructors and/or guides) must be registered as an RCC student for the course being provided.
- Rafter is responsible for the return of any and all equipment for the river rafting course which is

provided or supplied by RCC, and agrees that any such equipment will be returned in the same condition it was in when it was delivered to Rafter, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

- Although RCC takes every precaution to make its river rafting course safe and enjoyable, there are elements of danger in white water rafting; thus you must travel at your own risk. **EACH RAFTER MUST RECEIVE AND READ THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS SPECIFIC TO THE RIVER RAFTING COURSE, ATTACHED AS AN ADDENDUM HERETO, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE RAFTER'S EXECUTION OF THE RCC FIELD TRIP, OFF-SITE TRAINING AND CLUB EVENTS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ANY INJURIES AND/OR DAMAGES ARISING FROM SUCH RISKS.**

I have read the RCC River Rafting Course Policies set forth above and agree to strictly follow and comply with those policies at all times during the RCC River Rafting Course.

Signature of Rafter

Date

Printed Name

(or parent/guardian if Rafter is under the age of 18)



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FIELD TRIP, OFF-SITE TRAINING AND CLUB EVENTS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

Assumption of Risk

Participant understands and agrees that participation in intramural sports, certain club events and field trips may involve foreseeable and unforeseeable risks and hazardous activity which may be dangerous and may involve the risk of severe injury, and/or death, and/or property damage to Participant or bystanders. Participant hereby releases RCC, and its agents, from any and all liability for injury, damage and/or loss, including but not limited to death, to Participant or third parties or property which may result from Participant's voluntary participation in club activities, or recreational field trips, intramural sporting events, or off-site training or education, or such other voluntary activities, **including but not limited to any such injury, damage or loss that may arise as a result of the negligence of RCC.** Participant, or parent/guardian freely and voluntarily authorizes participation in the below mentioned activities with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agrees to assume and accept any and all risk of injury, death, or other damage or loss.

Participant understands that Participant is responsible for exercising caution and common sense at all times to avoid injury. Participant understands that RCC and any off-campus training or educational facility are not responsible for any injury, damage and/or loss whatsoever suffered by Participant during periods of personal time (which Participant understands is any time period unsupervised by RCC supervising staff), **including but not limited to any such loss, damage or injury that may arise as a result of the negligence of RCC.** Participant certifies that Participant is in good health and has no physical condition that would prevent participation in the below named activities. Participant's personal medical insurance shall serve as primary medical coverage if accident or injury occurs. Participant consents to emergency medical treatment for Participant in the event such treatment is required.

Rules of Participation

Participant agrees to comply with RCC's rules, standards and instructions for student behavior. Participant agrees that RCC shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct, and that it may at any time terminate participation in the RCC program, field trip, or activity for failure to maintain these standards or for any activity or conduct which the RCC considers to be incompatible with the interest, harmony, comfort, and welfare of other students/participants. If participation is terminated, Participant consents to being sent home at Participant's own (or Participant's parents') expense with no refund of fees (if applicable).

Participant understands that Participant must abide by all RCC policies as published in the Student Catalog. According to the Student Catalog:

"The unlawful possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances is prohibited at RCC. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages at the college or at any college-sponsored event also is prohibited. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances may be removed, dismissed, or suspended from college functions, classes, activities, or responsibilities."

Participant understands that this section in the Student Catalog applies to all students and guests participating in field trips, club events, and all off-campus training or education, as well as on-campus events.

Participant agrees that photographs, pictures, slides, movies, video, audio or other media coverage of Participant may be taken during the activity without compensation by RCC, and Participant hereby consents to the use of such material by RCC and its agents for any legal purpose.



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Activities, Hazards and Risks Specific to RCC River Rafting Course

Participation by Rafter in the RCC River Rafting Course may include but is not limited to the following activities, scheduled and unscheduled, voluntarily and involuntary: travel by water, swimming (referred to as anytime Participant is in the water), wading, hiking, climbing on rocks and slopes, camping, portaging (carrying the watercraft between water travel sites) and travel to and from the activities.

The hazards and risks (together referred to as "risks") of the use of the watercraft include but are not limited to the following: entering, exiting and operating the watercraft; water which may be fast, deep, cold and subject to rapid change; objects which may be encountered in and out of the water, and which may not be obvious, including debris, trees, rocks, boulders, dams, bridges, and other hazards; the watercraft may overturn, swamp and sink and occupants may become separated from the craft; feet and other parts of the body may become entrapped in or under rocks and other objects; participants may strike or be struck by objects, other watercraft and other persons, in and outside of the watercraft. Risks of other activities include those associated with camping, hiking, and moving on and over terrain, including the shoreline, the premises of RCC and others, and elsewhere, which may be unstable, steep and slippery and where rocks, trees, and other objects may fall, and man-made and natural structures may fail: animals, including poisonous reptiles, and poisonous plants may cause harm; swimming in unfamiliar surroundings may cause entrapment, injury from slips and falls and drowning. Other risks include errors in judgment of RCC's staff or representatives and other participants, including the improper assessment of capabilities and conditions pertaining to the activities; certain activities may be instructional, and designed to extend the skills of participants; equipment may be misused or fail because of manufacturing defects or otherwise; collisions may occur while traveling by vehicle to and from the activities; the activities are subject to the unpredictable forces of nature, including exposure to the sun, cold, wind, hail, lightning, flash floods and other such phenomena: activities may take place in remote places, significantly delaying emergency medical care and evacuation.

Rafter, and the parent or guardian of a minor Rafter, acknowledge and understand that the description of the activities and risks above is not complete and that all activities, whether or not described, may be dangerous and may include risks which are inherent and cannot be reasonably avoided without changing the nature of the activity. Participation in the activities can cause bites, stings, allergic reactions, overexertion, heat stroke, hypothermia, illness due to contaminated water, burns cuts, bruises, strains, broken bones, and other injuries and illness. Property loss, and serious injury and death, including by falling and drowning, are possible.

RCC has made no effort to determine, and accepts no responsibility for, medical, physical or other qualifications or the suitability of Rafter, or other participants, for the activities. Rafter, and the parent or guardian of a minor Rafter, accepts full responsibility for determining Rafter's medical, physical or other qualifications or suitability for participating in the activities. Certain activities may be conducted by independent contractors hired by RCC. These contractors are not trained or supervised by RCC and RCC has no control over them and accepts no responsibility for their conduct. Rafters should inspect unfamiliar rapids and other hazards before attempting to pass through or over them.

I, the Rafter (adult or minor) and the parent or guardian of a minor Rafter, understand the nature of the activities which may occur in connection with RCC's River Rafting Course, and the risks thereof, and acknowledge and agree that execution by Rafter (or the parent or guardian of a minor Rafter) of the RCC FIELD TRIP, OFF-SITE TRAINING AND CLUB EVENTS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM, to which this document is attached as an addendum, includes but is not limited to a full release and waiver of any injuries and/or damages arising from such risks, whether or not described above, known or unknown, and inherent or otherwise.

Rafter sign here: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Date(s) of course: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian sign here: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

(Required for any rafter under 18 years of age – even if parent/guardian will not be present on trip)



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Emergency Information

Please provide the following information to be used in the event of an emergency:

Student Name: _____ **ID Number:** _____
Address: _____
Address: _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Course Date(s): _____

Required medications: _____

Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Other Important Emergency Info: _____

Please note: All Participants in an RCC rafting course are required to sign several forms prior to participation. The **Field Trip, Off-Site Training and Club Events Agreement and Release Form** is one of the required forms, which states in part: "Participant certifies that Participant is in good health and has no physical condition that would prevent participation in the below named activities. Participant's personal medical insurance shall serve as primary medical coverage if accident or injury occurs. Participant consents to emergency medical treatment for Participant in the event such treatment is required." By signing the appropriate course forms and participating in an RCC rafting course, you are agreeing to all of the terms and conditions of participation.

APPROPRIATE RAFTING ATTIRE

Spring Rafters

- Wetsuit
- Wool or pile synthetic hat (beanie)
- Polypropylene long johns top and bottoms (worn under wet suit)
- Wool gloves, rubber gloves, or wetsuit mitts
- Wool or synthetic pile sweater to be worn over wetsuit
- Wool or synthetic pile socks
- Windbreaker or rain jacket to be worn over sweater (no rain pants)
- Tennis shoes or wetsuit booties
- Shorts or cut-offs over wetsuits - NO LONG PANTS
- Rafting helmet (if necessary)
- Regulation life jacket

Summer Rafters

- Sun glasses w/ glasses strap
- Suntan lotion
- Windbreaker or rain jacket
- Swimsuit or shorts
- Tennis shoes or rafting sandals
- Regulation life jacket

Please Make Sure Everyone In Your Group Knows What To Wear! Don't forget a towel and change of clothes for after your trip!