

LEHIGH VALLEY KAYAK & CANOE CLUB, Inc. (LVKCC) MEMBERSHIP FORM
P. O. Box 20194, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

DUES: {Submit via Check, Cash, Credit <> PayPal} Individual \$20 . . . Family \$25 *

MEMBER's NAME: _____ {Please Print}

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

CONTACT Information: Home Tel #: (____) _____ - _____ Cell #: (____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL: _____

STATEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

In response to the crisis with liability insurance and to clarify the relationship between the Club and its members, the officers of the Lehigh Valley Kayak & Canoe Club, Inc. (LVKCC) have proposed these materials regarding the conduct of their activities. The intent is for the individual to judge their own qualifications and to assume responsibility for their own safety, and not to place these responsibilities on the activity coordinators. To not make the individual responsible is not only unreasonable, but invites litigation that could threaten the existence of the Club.

ANNUAL WAIVER

Please Print the First and Last Name of each *Family Member to be Included in Application:

I, * _____, * _____, * _____,
* _____, * _____, * _____,

[D]esiring to join my fellow paddlers in the LVKCC, do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the water:

- Canoeing, Kayaking, and/or Rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, expose participants to various safety hazards.
- No one but me is responsible for my safety when I Choose to challenge my capabilities by running a particular river or rapid.
- I expect to assist my fellow paddlers to the best of my own personal skill and ability if they appear to be in need of such assistance . . . but, only if I, in my own judgment, can do so without significant danger to myself or anyone else who chooses to render such assistance to me.

NOW, THEREFORE . . . INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND . . . I HEREBY WAIVE, for myself, and for anyone else claiming through me, the right to sue the LVKCC, its officers, trip coordinators, leaders, organizers, or any of my/our fellow paddlers, for any injuries to my/our person or my/our equipment that may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from, a LVKCC activity. This Waiver applies to any negligent act or omission of any act intended to promote my/our safety or wellbeing. This Waiver is given in the interest of permitting the LVKCC to exist and to serve the paddling community, as well as myself and my/our fellow paddlers, feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and assist in training those less skilled than ourselves without fear of liability.

Recent court decisions have ruled that parents cannot sign away the rights of their children. Likewise, recent litigation relating to inappropriate behavior between adults and youth in sports has forced the Club to add the following requirement: **“ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OF AGE MAY PARTICIPATE IN LVKCC EVENTS ONLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. DURING ALL CLASSES, EVENTS, AND TRIPS, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN HAS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JUVENILE, AND NOT THE LVKCC.”**

MY WAIVER IS GIVEN HEREIN IN EXCHANGE FOR SIMILAR WAIVERS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN GRANTED ON MY BEHALF BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY KAYAK & CANOE CLUB.

SIGNED, ** _____, THIS _____ DAY OF _____

20____ . ** (Dues-Paying LVKCC Member)