



PARENTAL CONSENT

TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH ON THE COLUMBIA FIELD EXPERIENCE

WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT #246 -- SCHOOL NAME: _____

Dear Parent:

Date: _____

This form is used to keep you informed of school activities that take place beyond our actual school premises and to secure permission for your child's participation in such activities. Parental approval to attend the field trip is in no sense a waiver of the responsibility of the school, nor the host facility, to protect the students from possible hazards.

The Youth On the Columbia Field Experience is a City of Wenatchee Museum and Cultural Center sponsored activity, instructing students on the history of the 1811 David Thompson expedition on the Columbia River. It involves many activities on land along the Columbia River including one optional learning station involving paddling a canoe on the Columbia River for a short distance. See back page for more information on and approval for the canoe portion.

School district transportation will be provided to and from the event, and sack lunches will be provided. Students are required to make the return trip by the same mode of transportation unless special permission is requested in writing by the parents and said request presented to the teacher in charge prior to the day of the trip.

CONSENT TO ATTEND FIELD TRIP ONLY – SEE BACK PAGE FOR CANOE PADDLING CONSENT

Name of Student: _____

Permission is granted Permission is NOT granted

PARENT PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION AND RETURN THE ENTIRE FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Emergency Contact Phone # _____

Secondary Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

In consideration of the advantages of this field trip, **not including the canoe paddling station**, I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Wenatchee School District its agents and employees from liability for bodily injury or property damage that might occur during this trip. If my child has a medical condition that requires health services and/or medication(s) while on this field trip, I have indicated those needs to in the space provided below.

Medical condition or health concerns (severe allergies or relevant medical conditions):

Your Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature indicates consent for student to participate in the event and agreement to the conditions of this form.



PARENTAL CONSENT **TO PARTICIPATE IN CANOE PADDLING ACTIVITY**

This page of the consent form is specific to the **canoe paddling station** of the field experience. If you have consented to your student attending the field trip, please review the details of the canoe paddling activity and indicate your consent to participate.

If you do not give consent to the water activity, your student will still attend the field trip but will be engaged in another non-water related activity provided.

- In the **Canoe Paddling Station**, groups of eight students will embark on the water in a 25' fiberglass ten person canoe, traveling approximately one half mile, a 15-20 minute excursion.
- The canoes are manned by trained and experienced paddlers of the Wenatchee Row & Paddle Club.
- All students will be given water safety training and canoe paddling training prior to boarding canoes.
- All students and adults in the canoes are properly fitted with USCG approved life jackets.
- All adult experienced paddlers have participated in safety and watercraft handling for the voyageur canoes.
- At all times there will be a minimum of one volunteer with CPR and First Aid Training on site.
- A motorized boat will be following the canoes at all times while the students are paddling.

As with any water recreation activity, despite the careful and proper preparation and instruction, paddling voyageur canoes is a physical activity on the water and involves some inherent risks to the participants. The activity takes place both on and near the water with other individuals whose actions cannot always be controlled or predicted.

Certain risks include but are not limited to: slips and trips, bruises, scrapes, and possible sprains or broken bones, insect bites, sunburn, falling in the water resulting in a chilled condition and water-related injuries up to and including drowning.

Additional important information:



CONSENT FOR CANOE PADDLING ONLY – SEE FRONT PAGE FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND FIELD TRIP

Student's Name: _____

Approval is Granted

Approval is NOT Granted

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AND RETURN THE ENTIRE FORM TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**

Your Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature indicates consent for student to participate in the event and agreement to the conditions of this form.

A decision to NOT Grant Permission for your student to participate in the canoe paddling station does NOT EXCLUDE your student from the entire field experience. **As an alternative** to the canoe paddling station, your student will be involved in a fun alternative land-based instructional activity.