PARENTAL CONSENT
TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH ON THE COLUMBIA FIELD EXPERIENCE

WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT #246 -- SCHOOL NAME: ____________________________

Dear Parent:  __________________

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

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):

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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.

The Wenatchee School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, sexual orientation, including gender identity, disability, familial status, marital status or age. This holds true for all staff, students, and applicants who are interested in participating in educational programs or activities at the school district. Inquiries regarding Title I compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to RCW Officer and ADA Coordinator Ms. Lisa Turner. Issues related to 504 should be directed to Mr. Chet Harum Administrator for Student and Support Services.
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:

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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.