



Rental Equipment Agreement, Waiver and Release of Liability Kayaks and Related Watersports Equipment

Boat (Kayak) and Equipment Rental Agreement between Oakland Nature Preserve, Florida herein called, "Lessor," and the undersigned, herein called, "Renter." This agreement also constitutes a Waiver and Release of Liability, whereby the Renter agrees to release, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify Oakland Nature Preserve and its board, officers, and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of Renter's use of Kayaking Equipment, premises or facilities or Renter's participation in kayaking activities. By signing this document, Renter acknowledges he/she specifically understands he/she (Renter) is releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I may have at the present time, or in the future, for the negligent acts, omissions or other conduct by the board, officers or employees of Oakland Nature Preserve. **Please initial each item and sign below to acknowledge acceptance of this agreement.**

___ Renter shall obey all state, federal and local Boating Regulations, laws, ordinances and lawful directives from appropriate emergency or law enforcement personnel, while operating or renting boats or equipment from Oakland Nature Preserve. Renter is solely responsible for any citation or violation occurring during the use of, or as the result of using, rental boats or equipment from Oakland Nature Preserve.

___ **Renter represents that he/she is capable of safely operating and handling the Equipment and finds it in good working order, condition and repair. Renter represents that he/she has adequate skills, knowledge and experience to safely complete the planned activity and that adequate preparations have been made to ensure safe completion of trip.**

___ Renter shall bear all risk and responsibility of and for any and all damage, loss or theft of the rental boats and/or Equipment, or any portions thereof, including, but not limited to vandalism or theft, and shall pay the Lessor (Oakland Nature Preserve) the full cost of repair or replacement.

___ Renter shall return boats and equipment in the condition in which it was received. Minimum charges for repairs, labor and cleaning will be applied in the event rental boats or



equipment require repair or excessive cleaning. Renter agrees to use all equipment for its designed purpose only.

___ **RECOGNITION OF RISK:** Renter expressly acknowledges that kayaking is an activity with inherent risks of injury to persons and property. **RENTER IS AWARE OF THOSE RISKS AND UNDERSTANDS THEM.** Renter acknowledges that PFD's (Lifejackets) are made available and that **ALL RENTERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR PFD's/LIFEJACKETS WHILE USING RENTAL BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.** Renter understands that use of a PFD does not remove all risks of injury; nor does PFD use make Kayaking a safe activity. Renter alone has determined the sufficiency of any safety gear or other precautions that Renter decides to take to minimize the risks of the activity. No party related to Lessor, including board, officers and Employees, has made any representations regarding the safety of, or the risks of, the activity. **RENTER EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISKS OF THE ACTIVITY.**

___ **RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** Renter hereby RELEASES Lessor (Oakland Nature Preserve), its owners and its employees from liability for negligence and HOLDS HARMLESS the Lessor, its owner and its employees from any loss, expense or cost, including attorney fees, arising out of any damages or injuries, whether to persons or property, occurring as a result of the rental or use of said boat and/or Equipment.

___ This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Lessor and Renter and no term may be waived or modified (including provision against oral modification) except in writing signed by both parties. There are no warranties, expressed or implied, by Lessor to Renter, except as contained herein, and Lessor shall not be liable for any loss or injury to Renter nor to anyone else, of any kind or however caused. This agreement is one of bailment only and Renter is not Lessor's agent while using said boat(s) or Equipment. The laws of the State of Florida shall govern this agreement.

I have read and understand the above. I agree to the terms and conditions as stated.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

