

PARTICIPANT INFORMED CONSENT, LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE

Name _____ Group _____

Home Address _____ City/State _____

I wish to use a boat owned by SUNY Cortland's Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake (Center). I am aware that boating includes physical risks, including but not limited to capsizing, collision with other boats, hypothermia and drowning.

Because smallcraft can easily capsize, I recognize the importance of being able to remain calm and either self-rescue or stay afloat while waiting for assistance. I also understand that I must wear a properly fitted, fully fastened personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while in a boat.

If I have any questions about the operation of the smallcraft I am using, it is my responsibility to get instruction from an experienced member of my group or a Center staff person. I understand and will adhere to the posted rules for operating smallcraft owned by the Center.

In consideration of the aforementioned risks, I hereby voluntarily agree to assume on behalf of myself and my minor children accompanying me all the risks in connection with using a Center boat and to release The State of New York, The State University of New York, College at Cortland, the Center and its staff from any and all liabilities and claims whatsoever arising in connection with my use of any boat owned by the Center. I certify that I am physically fit enough to paddle or sail a smallcraft on Raquette Lake, have the ability to swim and tread water, and will obey all posted rules.

I agree that the laws of The State of New York shall govern this waiver and release. I affirm that I have read and understand this document.

Signature _____ Date _____

Names of accompanying minors: 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____