



Henry County Conservation Department
**Pre-Canoe Trip Safety
 Briefing and Permission Form**

Parent or Guardian _____
 Individual & Minor Name _____
 Address: St. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Tele: _____ Cell: _____

TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN SAFETY ORIENTATION PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE TRIP
(To be initialed by participant for each topic covered)

Today's Weather Conditions—related safety procedures _____
 River Conditions - anticipated changes—unsafe by nature _____
 Length of trip - "returning to the park" information, late arrivals _____
 Equipment Instruction:
 Footwear _____ Canoe - parts, loading & unloading _____
 Paddles - proper grip, stroking/paddling, loss, parts _____
 PFDs - proper wearing, sizes, etc. (private PFDs inspected) _____
 Capsizing - what to do _____
 River Hazards
 Log Jams _____ Obstacles (submerged, bridge piers, etc.) _____
 Oakland Mills Dam _____ **STRAINERS** (example cited) _____
 Time allowed for questions _____

CONTRACT CONDITIONS

I realize boating is a water sport which involves risk and danger and agree to abide by all the state laws and regulations governing the use of this boat. I assume all responsibility, not only for myself, but for the safety of all passengers with me. I take full responsibility for loss or damage to any rented equipment and will replace it at retail value.

I further agree specifically to:

1. Not allow vessel to exceed passenger capacity.
2. Not dive, enter the water or swim from boat.
3. Not allow anyone to operate or occupy this boat in a reckless manner.
4. Indemnify, save and hold harmless Henry County, Iowa, its Directors, officers, and employees and the Henry County Conservation Board, its Directors, officers, and employees, from and against any and all claims and demands for, or in connection with, any accident, injury, death, or damage whatsoever caused to any person or property arising, directly or indirectly, out of the rental or use of personal property pursuant to the Guided Canoe Float Agreement and from and against any and all costs, expensed, and liabilities incurred in connection with any such claim or proceeding brought thereon.

PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & HOLD HARMLESS

I, _____, as a participant in this canoe float, verify that the items checked off above were covered by the Park Staff representative presenting the program. I further acknowledge that I was in attendance during this safety orientation/briefing.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby represent that I am 18 years or older and that I am authorized to grant permission on behalf of the aforementioned participant. I agree to assume full responsibility for the acts, negligence or omissions of said participant while utilizing the watercraft and related equipment and facilities.

_____ Health concerns/allergies? _____ Can your child swim?

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Cell/phone number where you can be reached during this activity: _____