

Trip Consent Form

I agree that _____, whilst on the sea kayaking activity with the Scouts Victoria Paddling Team on the Anything Goes off-site trip, will be participating in an adventurous activity which involves risk.

I am familiar with the information related to activities that will be participated in. This water based activity may and can involve strenuous physical activity and exposure to changing weather conditions. Basic paddling instruction will be given to all participants. This paddling activity may also include inherent risk of fatigue, mental stress and or physical injury. Personal or property damage risk may be associated with some or all activities.

The risks associated with this activity include:

- Hypothermia
- Heat Stroke
- Drowning
- Death

Risk mitigation strategies to address concerns include, but are not limited to:

- Using experienced trip leaders with sea kayak guide, wilderness first aid qualifications or equivalent,
- Using experienced guides with sea kayaking experience on enclosed waters.
- A satellite phone, VHF radio, and Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is carried amongst the guide team for use in the event of an emergency.
- Maximum 5:1 craft to guide ratios and supervision
- Use of Life Jackets (PFD's) while on the water,
- Only allowing students who can swim to participate, and
- Instruction of the safe use of equipment, prior to departure

All Scouts Victoria Paddling Team Guides will adhere to Scouts Victoria sea kayak practices that incorporate the AAS Sea Kayaking standards for enclosed waters, which can be viewed upon request.

I give permission for *Scouts Victoria Paddling Team* to keep this document for recording purposes, aware that I can access it anytime.

I agree that *Scouts Victoria* its Employees and Volunteers shall not be in anyway liable, directly or indirectly held responsible for any injuries, loss or any other damages, whether to a person or property, unless resulting from criminal or negligent behaviour by the activity guides or leaders.

I understand that it will be the responsibility of the accompanying Anything Goes Leader to control and supervise the behaviour of _____ while on land and not in the care of the Scouts Victoria Paddling Team Guides.

Scouts Victoria has Indemnity insurance and acknowledges that no rights of the participant shall be waived. By signing below indicates that you understand all the associated risks and conditions as stated above.

Signed by Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____