

# New River Adventure

## Parental Waiver

### **A Letter of Understanding To Parents of New River Adventure Participants**

To participate in the New River Adventure, both the participants and their parent(s) must sign and return this form.

Your son/daughter is enrolled in a week-long high adventure program at the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. To participate, your son/daughter must be at least age 13 and have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade by camp, and must pass the BSA swim test with a "Swimmer" proficiency upon arrival at Camp Powhatan.

### **This Program will Include:**

- A day of whitewater rafting on the New River Gorge, which has nineteen Class 3, 4, and 5 rapids.
- A day of canoeing on the New River, which has several Class 2 & 3 rapids.
- Two days of physical challenges on our COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course. This is a BSA-designed ropes course that develops confidence, self-esteem, problem solving abilities, and teamwork.
- For the last program days, the unit may choose to go caving, climbing and repelling on a 55-foot climbing tower, whitewater canoeing, participate in a natural rock climbing experience, or ride ATVs.

Our New River Adventure program receives enthusiastic reviews each summer from hundreds of participants. They find it exciting and worthwhile, but it is also physically demanding. We highly recommend following the BSA's height/weight guidelines found on the medical form.

All outdoor high adventure activities have inherent risks. We have had cuts, sprains, and broken bones. We have safety rules that must be obeyed and safety equipment that must be worn. Families and units are responsible for medical costs.

I have read and understand the nature of the activities of the New River Adventure program. I will follow instructions and will adhere to the safety rules of the program.

Participant Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attending camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_