



FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM
2018 – 2019

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission for my child
\_\_\_\_\_, a student at Chapin School, to participate in:

Whitewater Rafting the details of which are:

- Trip date: Friday, May 17, 2019
Destination: Whitewater Rafting, White Haven, PA
Departure time: 8:00 a.m.
Arrival time at Chapin: 7:00 p.m.
Transportation: Chartered Coach
Trip activities: whitewater rafting
To bring along: hearty bag lunch (provided by Chapin\*), snack, water/drink in shatterproof container
Other important information: See attached for additional items to bring along.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ My child will bring his/her own bagged lunch from home and will NOT need one provided by Chapin.

I/(we) understand that there are risks associated with participation in the program, as with all such activities, and that there are additional risks to consider including: N/A

Knowing those risks I/(we) sign this Release and Indemnification Agreement as follows:

Medical Release and Waiver of Liability:

I/(we) hereby grant permission to Chapin School to deal with any medical emergencies in the event that I/(we) cannot first be contacted. I/(we) authorize the teacher or staff member in attendance at any Chapin School activity to select and secure such medical attention as they may reasonably believe necessary for my child as a result of injuries or other events requiring emergency care if neither parent/guardian is in attendance at such event or until parent(s)/guardian(s) can be contacted. Further, as noted above, I am aware of the risks to which my child may be exposed on this trip; and, I hereby release Chapin School, its Trustees, employees, and contractors from any and all liability on account of such participation and I release them from any liability on account of such selection or authorization of medical attention and for any and all damages which occur on account thereof.

Medications:

Students who normally receive medication during the class day/class event should receive the same medication on a school field trip or event. I/(we) acknowledge that I/(we) are responsible for making arrangements with the Nurse’s Office for medications normally administered during the day or during the event. I/(we) acknowledge that this location is NOT a “nut safe” environment. Further, I/(we) give permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment by a first aid squad and/or hospital, if needed.

Parent’s Signature Date

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Must a parent or legal guardian co-sign for each minor (under 18) child?

A: Yes.

Q: How dangerous is whitewater rafting?

A: Whitewater rapids are defined from Class I (very mild) to Class VI (extremely difficult). Selecting the appropriate level of whitewater, relying on professionally guided raft trip services, and following the rules and instructions offered by your outfitter all contribute to greater success in managing the risks associated with river rafting. Clearly there are risks associated with all active outdoor sports, including rafting. A recent national study of customary (indoor and outdoor) activities, completed by the Business Research Division of the University of Colorado, found that statistically, commercially guided whitewater rafting is 70 times safer than automobile travel.

Q: How long has Whitewater Challengers offered these activities and what has been their safety record?

A: Whitewater Challengers first introduced whitewater rafting trips on the Lehigh River in 1975, and has provided guided tour services continuously for more than 4 decades, serving nearly 2 million guests on more than 16 million miles of guided trips on five whitewater rivers in Pennsylvania and New York, compiling a safety record that is the envy of the industry. Whitewater Challengers meets or exceeds the rigorous safety and training requirements established by state regulations for commercial rafting trips.

Q: What kinds of injuries are most often associated with rafting trips?

A: Bumps and bruises are the most common injury, and these can usually be avoided by adhering to the safety instructions offered prior to your trip. Most important among these instructions are:

Remain seated, with both legs inside the raft, even in calm sections of the river.

Do not dive into the river, either from the raft, or from shore.

If you must splash, use your hands; never the paddle.

These and other easy-to-follow guidelines can help enhance the safety and enjoyment of your trip.

Q: What other safety measure are taken on and off the river?

A: Raft trips are accompanied by qualified, professional guides who are trained in First Aid and river safety techniques. Instruction and supervision are provided before and during your trip. First aid supplies and safety equipment accompany every trip.

Q: Are more challenging trips available for more experienced rafters?

A: Yes. While the Lehigh is usually rated Class I, Class II or Class III whitewater, and is well suited to beginners and children as young as 5 years old at certain times of the year, guided rafting trips on the Hudson and Black Rivers in upstate New York offer more challenging rapids up to Class IV and Class V.