

Blue Ridge River Runners Membership Application



Membership application for the year _____ New Member ____ Renewal _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Skill level: (Circle One) **B**eginner **N**ovice **I**ntermediate **A**dvanced **E**xpert
on Flatwater _____ or Whitewater _____ or Both _____

Family Members: 1: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

If family members paddle, indicate their skill level beside their name.

Favorite rivers: _____

What do you paddle? **Kayak** **Canoe** **Decked** **Open**

How do you paddle? **Solo** **Tandem**

Do you winter paddle? **Yes** **No** Wet Suit? **Yes** **No** Paddle School? **Yes** **No**

Please circle the activities that you would be willing to help with:

Publicity **Training and Safety** **Newsletter** **Membership** **Programs** **Trip Leader**
Club Week **Christmas Party**

Other: _____

Annual Membership Dues are **\$10.00 for individual membership, \$15.00 for a Family membership.** Your renewal dues will be due on January 1 of each year.

Dues: **Single:** \$ _____
 Family \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable BRRR and mail to:
Blue Ridge River Runners
499 Suburban Road
Lynchburg, VA 24501

General membership meetings are held in February, April, June (Club Week), August, October, and December (Christmas party). The date, time and location of each meeting will be announced in the newsletter and on the web site.

We occasionally make our membership list available to other (non-profit) paddling organizations and river conservation groups. You may choose to have your name and address excluded from such lists by checking below:

Do not furnish my name and address to other organizations. _____

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On the Web at [at www.brrr.ws](http://www.brrr.ws)

Welcome to the Blue Ridge River Runners Canoe and Kayak Club. In the interest of permitting the BRRR to exist and to serve the paddling community without fear of liability we ask you to join in this contract. The first part is for you to acknowledge that you understand the risks involved in this activity and the second part is a release of liability.

Assumption of Risk

I understand and accept that whitewater paddling in a canoe, kayak or raft exposes me to many hazards. Some of the dangers and risks that may be present, or may occur, include, but are not limited to the following:

- *The hazards of traveling in a canoe or kayak in rough water conditions
- *Water hazards including boulders, trees and other obstacles, waterfalls, holes, reversals and other water features
- *Swimming/floating in unfamiliar and sometimes turbulent water
- *Using paddles, ropes, and other paddling equipment
- *Hiking or walking in rugged terrain including slippery rocks
- *Injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles, or plants
- *Accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities
- *Man-made objects in the river, including but not limited to, ropes, bridge pilings, metal junk and fences
- *Carrying canoes or kayaks and other river equipment
- *The forces of nature including lightning, weather changes, river level changes and others not named.
- *The physical exertion associated with paddling and swimming in whitewater and carrying canoes or kayaks on land
- *Travel in a vehicle not driven by myself.

I choose to join and participate in the BRRR and paddling trips sponsored or led by BRRR in spite of these named risks and other unnamed risks which are inherent in this activity. I am solely responsible for deciding to participate in this club or trip. While in the club or on the trip I am solely responsible for deciding what equipment to take, whether to scout or run any rapid and whether to participate in any rescue or recovery of equipment. I am solely responsible for deciding whether to participate in or continue on any river trip.

I assume these risks and understand my responsibility in decision-making. I agree to obey all BRRR rules and the guidelines of the American Whitewater Association Safety Code.

Participant's Signature

Printed Name

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature
(If under 18 years of age)

Printed Name

Date

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Release Agreement

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have read the assumption of risk statement and fully understand there are certain elements of danger inherent in whitewater trips which are beyond the control of the trip leaders, officers, and members of Blue Ridge River Runners (hereafter referred to collectively as BRRR), and participation in a whitewater trip entails unavoidable risks of loss of life, personal injury, and loss of or damage to property.

In consideration of BRRR furnishing services to enable me to make a whitewater trip, I hereby assume all risk of injury or loss of life to myself and loss of or damage to property arising out of my participation in such trip, including hazards associated with any defect in a manufacturer's product. I specifically release BRRR from any and all liability, including negligence, (active or passive) as to any right of action or claim to relief that may accrue either to me or to my heirs or personal representatives for any such injury, loss of life or loss of or damage to property which I may suffer while participating in such whitewater trip including activities preliminary and subsequent thereto.

I further hold BRRR and the trip leader harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of actions, debt claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may arise from or in connection with my course or participation in any other activity related thereto.

I further understand BRRR carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater trips, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to BRRR shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on BRRR.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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Printed Name

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature
(If under 18 years of age)

Printed Name

Date