



MISSOURI WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



The membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

Dues received after October 1 apply to the following year. Membership renewals are due by February 1 to meet Directory listing deadlines.

Complete this form (signatures on Agreement and applicable waivers required) and send it with a check (payable to MWA) to:

Missouri Whitewater Association,
Membership Director
P.O. Box 300099
St. Louis, MO 63130

Select One:

- New Member
Renewal
Lifetime

Please Select Your MWA membership type:

- INDIVIDUAL: \$15.00/Year Entitled to one membership vote.
FAMILY: \$20.00/Year Entitled to two membership votes.
SPONSORING: (Business): \$35.00/Year Entitled to one membership vote and free advertisement in each River Log.

ACA PaddleAmerica Membership (OPTIONAL for all MWA members)

- INDIVIDUAL: \$30.00/Year (SAVES \$10 off Regular ACA dues)!
FAMILY: \$40.00/Year (SAVES \$20 off Regular Family ACA dues)!
NOTE: Family MWA membership does NOT require Family ACA membership - one person can join at the individual rate. Use appropriate adult/minor ACA waivers.

Select ACA Membership Type

- New ACA Member
Renewal - ACA Membership #

Check if applicable

- SEIC Dues for ACA Instructors: \$ 25.00
I am a current ACA certified instructor in:

Important Notes: All family members registering for ACA membership must sign the separate ACA liability waiver. ACA PaddleAmerica and SEIC Instructor dues should be included in check, payable to MWA.

PLEASE PRINT SO WE CAN READ IT AND FILL IN COMPLETELY:

Name:

Business Name (Sponsoring only):

Street:

City, State, Zip:

All phone numbers (home, work, cell) you would like listed in the directory:

E-mail:

Birth Date:

For FAMILY memberships and DIRECTORY LISTING, list names, birth dates, paddling information (optional) of additional family members:

[Blank lines for family member information]

All data submitted (except birth-dates) will be shown in the Directory unless otherwise instructed.

All adult members listed on the application must sign the waiver. An adult/guardian must sign in the space indicated if any minor is listed on the application. ALL family members registering for ACA membership must sign separate ACA adult/minor liability waivers.

Missouri Whitewater Association ("MWA")
Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity
Agreement ("Agreement")

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any MISSOURI WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION ("MWA") sponsored Whitewater Activities ("Activity"), I for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin:

- 1. ACKNOWLEDGE, AGREE AND REPRESENT that I understand the nature of Whitewater Activities and that I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity may be conducted on public waterways and other facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of paddling a boat, such as a canoe, kayak, or raft are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be beyond my ability, I will discontinue further participation in the Activity as soon as practicable.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that:
a. WHITEWATER ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGER OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS")
b. These Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or in-actions, the actions or in-actions of others participating in the Activity, the conditions under which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES NAMED BELOW:
c. There may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time.

I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

- 3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS MWA and its directors, officers, agents, members and other participants, any sponsor, advertiser, and if applicable owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING FAILED RESCUE OPERATIONS.

ALL MWA ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR HELMETS AND PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES AND TO CARRY SAFETY EQUIPMENT APPROPRIATE TO THE DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY OF THE WHITEWATER PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES ARE EXPECTED ON ALL FLOATS.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE SURRENDERED SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE. I INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE NOTWITHSTANDING SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

- I am: 1. Over the age of eighteen (18) years old or
2. My parent or legal guardian has also signed for me

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) for any juvenile(s) listed above.

The Missouri Whitewater Association was created to serve as a forum to bring together paddlers with similar interest. Since its founding in 1974 (then known as the Arnold Whitewater Association), the club has met regularly and has sponsored activities to: Encourage the growth of paddling as a recreational and competitive sport. Enhance camaraderie among paddlers. Teach basic and advanced paddling skills and the safe use of canoes, kayaks and rafts. Practice and encourage the conservation of streams, rivers, inland lakes and waterways and to work with local regional and national organizations that have the same goals. The Riverlog, the club's regularly published newsletter sent to all members, is designed to keep members informed concerning club activities, concerns and meetings..