

## **FLOAT TRIP PROCEDURES**

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Only Warrior & Pathfinder Campers (12 & Older) may participate.

Must be a BLUE band.

## SAFETY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Please keep the river clean. Any garbage or beverage brought on the trip must be disposed of at Camp Tecumseh.

A MAX of two cabins (24 Persons) may go together.

At least two (2) Tecumseh Staff must be present.

One (1) Staff member must be the Lead Canoe.

A Certified Red Cross Lifeguard with proper equipment (Tube, First Aid Kit, Radio), must follow in the Tail Canoe.

The staff in the Lead and Tail Canoe must always be in sight of each other.

All persons must wear a lifejacket approved by Camp Tecumseh and properly buckled at all times.

All persons must wear closed toed shoes. As a backup, socks and sandals with a back strap are acceptable.

Indiana law mandates that each canoe carry a Type IV PFD (Square floatation device).

Please do not stand in canoes.

It is imperative that all participants stay in their canoes at all times. There is absolutely no tipping of the canoes.

For the safety of all, please do not swim in the river.

Please avoid canoeing under tree limbs.

Please avoid rocks or other objects in the water.

Use caution when moving canoes. Please lift them fully off the ground to protect the equipment.

If your canoe becomes beached, please get out and carry slowly to deeper water.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

In the event of bad weather or physical injury, pull all canoes to the RIGHT side of the river. Use the radio in the lifeguard boat to call for help. If the radio is not working properly, please find the nearest home and phone the camp office at (765-564-2898)

If you tip your canoe:

Hold on to it

Place yourself on the upstream end of canoe

Pull off to the right side

Empty water and proceed down the river in your canoe

If injured, wait for the Tail Canoe with the lifeguard and ask for help.

