

# NEW RIVER ADVENTURE

## PARENTAL WAIVER



### A Letter of Understanding

#### To: Parents of participants in the New River Adventure

Your son/daughter is enrolled in a week-long high adventure program at the Blue Ridge Mountains Reservation.

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

To participate, your son/daughter must be at least age 13 by January 1 of the year attending camp and must pass the BSA first class swim test upon arrival at our camps.

#### **This program will include:**

- 1) A day of white-water rafting in the New River Gorge, which has nineteen Class 3, 4, & 5 rapids.
- 2) A day of canoeing on the New River, which has several class 2 & 3 rapids.
- 3) Two days of physical challenges on our COPE course. This is a BSA designed ropes course that develops confidence, self esteem, problem solving abilities and teamwork.
- 4) The 5th day's program is optional, but the Unit may chose to go caving, climbing and rappelling on 55 foot tower, participate in a natural climbing experience, soar on our 800 foot zipline, or learn to safely fire a handgun.

Our New River Adventure receives enthusiastic reviews each summer from hundreds of participants. They find it exciting and worthwhile, but it is also physically demanding.

While we have an excellent safety record, outdoor high adventure activities have inherent risks. We've had cuts, sprains and broken bones. We have safety rules that must be obeyed and safety equipment that must be worn. Families and Scout troops 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.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (participant)

I have read and understand the above form, and I give my son/daughter permission to participate in the New River Adventure this summer.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)

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