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Petaluma Small Craft Center
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The Petaluma Small Craft Center (<http://www.psc3.org>) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit whose stated mission is to improve access to the Petaluma River for human-powered small craft, including stand-up paddle boards, kayaks (both racing and non), outrigger canoes, sailing boats, rowing shells, and so forth. To that end, we have designed summer programming to introduce children to the river on those craft.

In order to instruct minors in the various non-motorized boating/paddling sports that can be practiced on the Petaluma River, we require the participants' attention and respect—for the instructors, the equipment, the rules of the waterway, and one another. To that end, we ask participants and parents/guardians to indicate their understanding by signing this form where indicated below.

Clear expectations of behavior are outlined on the first day of each program. We use positive reinforcement by acknowledging good and safe behavior. The participant and the participant's parents/guardians agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by PSCC for the health, safety and welfare of all participants.

Participant's Responsibilities

Participants will be held responsible for:

1. Listening to and obeying all instructions of both coaches and volunteers both on and off the water.
2. Bringing sunscreen and a reusable water bottle to camp. Small Craft Summer Campers, bring a lunch, please.
3. Not swimming on purpose. Although participants may fall into the river, depending on the craft and the weather conditions, intentional swimming is not allowed. The Petaluma River (a tidal slough) is brackish and collects the runoff of many streams. Although we are not concerned with occasional contact with the water, we do not recommend or sanction swimming.
4. Wearing appropriate clothing.
 - a. For small craft summer camp, wear layers and **bring or wear socks every day**. Wear clothing that is not too loose, because each morning we instruct the campers in rowing. Here is a website that shows what competitive rowers wear. Please get as close to this as your children's sense of fashion will allow → <http://shop.jlathletics.com/index.php?cpage=RowHome>. The afternoon sports, Hawaiian outrigger canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddling, are a little more lenient in terms of clothing.

- b. For sailing, footwear is crucial: Students must wear water shoes with a closed toe. No sandals, flip-flops, tevas, etc.
- c. For kayak racing camp, wear a rashguard, surfing shirt or other athletic pullover under a windbreaker. Polypropylene (for example, Capilene or Under Armour) or an old wool sweater will keep you warmer even if wet. Cotton and lycra are *not* recommended. On the bottom, wear shorts or tights, or tights under lightweight rain pants. The same materials are recommended. Wear flip-flops or aquasocks.

Disciplinary Steps

If a problem arises, the following steps will be utilized:

- 1. Staff will encourage positive behavior
- 2. Staff will remind participant of the rules to which participant and parent/guardian have agreed.
- 3. If the behavior disrupts learning and safety to a degree which staff deems unacceptable or dangerous, parent/guardian will be contacted and participant will be suspended from the program, without refund of participation fee.

_____ Participant's name	_____ Participant's signature
_____ Parent/Guardian's name	_____ Parent/Guardian's signature
_____ Date	