

Watercraft Rental Request

Unit# _____ Type _____ Council _____
 or
 Organization _____ City _____

Requests permission to rent watercraft

AT: _____

FROM: TIME _____ DATE _____

TO: TIME _____ DATE _____

Number of youth _____ adults _____

Float plan contact _____

Phone number _____

Mr./
 Ms. _____ is
 the lead adult supervisor, is at least 21 years of age,
 and will accompany the group and remain for the
 entire period. He/she will see that all watercraft
 users are properly equipped and that the group fol-
 lows directives from the Guide to Safe Scouting.
 He/she has read and understands the "Gamehaven
 Scouting Watercraft Use Policy", agrees to abide by
 it, and to convey the policy to all those using the
 equipment rented. He/she understands that the
 group listed is liable for any repair, replacement, or
 clean-up required as a result of the use of the water-
 craft and accessories. Should the group fail to meet
 its responsibilities, he/she agrees to be personally
 liable.
 I UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDI-
 TIONS OF THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT.

Signed _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City & State _____ Zip _____

Gamehaven Scouting Damage deposit by check _____ or credit card type _____
 1124 11-1/2 St SE
 Rochester, MN 55904

Office: 507-287-1410
 Fax: 507-289-1413
 Camp: 507-287-1516

Cardholder Name	Card number	Expiration date
Deposit status - Office use only		

OFFICE USE ONLY WATERCRAFT RENTAL PERMIT				
PERMIT NO. _____		DATE: _____		
APPROVED BY: _____				
REQUESTER: _____				
Qualifications Supervisor	Safety Afloat	Safe Swim Defense	Rescue trained	CPR
Applications should be received 7 days before use. No applications accepted by phone. Fees and damage deposit must accompany this application. Scout units must follow Guide to Safe Scouting and Gamehaven Scouting Watercraft Use Policy. Cub Scout units may use watercraft only at District or Council events. Non-Scout groups must sign a "Hold Harmless" agree- ment, provide a copy of "Certification of Insurance", and follow Gamehaven Scouting Watercraft Policy.				
Rental Fees: _____				

This agreement **MUST** be presented to the Camp Ranger when picking up equipment. If unable to keep reservation or requested time, contact Camp Ranger at 507-287-1516.

Watercraft Available for Rental

Quantity Fee	Equipment	Gamehaven Scouts	Out of council and others	Damage fees & comments
#Y _____ #U _____ #X _____	PFD: Youth (<100lbs) Universal Extra Large	Included with rental	Included with rental	\$25 replacement
# _____ \$ _____	17' tandem canoe, aluminum <i>17 available</i>	\$20/ first day, \$10 after \$10/half day <i>Wetfoot policy required!</i>	\$30/day \$15/half day	\$25 thwart \$50 seat \$100 rib/crack/hole \$300+ replacement canoe
# _____ \$ _____	Canoe trailer for 6 canoes, 2" ball <i>2 available</i>	\$20/ first day, \$10 after	\$30/day	Variable, depending on repair needed.
# _____ \$ _____	14.5' solo canoe, Wenonah Argosy Royalex <i>6 available</i>	Use permitted only at GSR \$20/day \$10/half day	Use permitted only at GSR \$30/day \$15/half day	Variable, depending on repair needed.
# _____	<i>Canoe paddles</i>	Included with rental	Included with rental	\$30 replacement
#W _____ #K _____ #S _____	Kayak (capacity) 2 Whistler (250lbs) 2 Kestrel (200lbs) 10 Scout (125lbs)	Use permitted only at GSR \$20/day \$20 wet exit certification \$10/half day	Use permitted only at GSR \$30/day \$40 wet exit certification \$20/half day	Hatch \$50, footpegs \$30, others variable. Wet exit certification includes kayak rental and takes a half day to complete.
1 per kayak ____	Kayak paddle	Included with rental	Included with rental	\$100 replacement

Use days:	Total fee:	Total boats:
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I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS POLICY: _____ Key Adult Leader Initials

Watercraft Use Policy

Gamehaven Scouting's policy is to paddle safely and to treat equipment with care. All equipment rented will be inspected on its return and charges made for costs of repair or replacement. This does not include normal cosmetic wear and tear.

General Use Policies

Most damages occur during launching, landing and transport, and can easily be avoided with common sense and by following these rental agreement rules:

1. **SUPERVISION**—Follow BSA Guide to Safe Scouting policies: at least one supervisor must be trained in Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, CPR, and rescue training as appropriate for the craft and location.
2. **GROUP SIZE**—Maximum group size at landings and on the water is 6 boats, unless on Gamehaven Lake.
3. **CARRYING**—Never drag or drop boats. Work as a team to provide assistance as needed.
4. **PFD**—Transport PFDs inside vehicles, not in trailers. PFDs must be worn whenever on the water. Adjust to fit.
5. **SITTING**—Do not sit on or in boats while they are on-shore or on the bottom. Do not sit or kneel on a PFD.
6. **REPAIRS**—Any repairs must be approved in advance to assure a quality repair and to avoid charges to your unit for substandard repairs.
7. **LIGHTNING**—Use the 30/30 rule for lightning: if thunder is heard within 30 seconds after lightning is seen, take shelter until there is no thunder or lightning for 30 minutes.
8. **TEMPERATURE**—If the total of the air and water temperatures is less than 120F, restrict or cancel watercraft use unless paddlers are using specialized clothing such as wetsuits or drysuits.
9. **LOCATION**—The Aquatics Committee must approve use on rivers rated above Class I or on Lake Superior.
10. **CLEANUP**—Clean all boats, trailers, paddles, and PFDs as needed to remove dirt and litter.

Canoeing-Specific Policies

1. **LAUNCHING**—Using the “wetfoot” policy is required to receive in-council Scout rates for canoes. “Wetfooting” means you launch and land with the canoe floating freely. While loading and launching, the canoe does not touch the shore or bottom. When landing, step out before the canoe touches shore or the bottom. Do not run the canoe aground or up on shore. Use docks if available.
2. **ENTRY**—Only step into the bottom of a free-floating canoe. Never step on seats or thwarts.
3. **TRANSPORTING**—Tie canoes down securely using a trucker's hitch to transport. Tie around the bar by the gunwhale, not through the loop at the end of the crossbar. Load highest trailer positions first.

Kayaking-Specific Policies

1. **LAUNCHING**—Minimize bottom contact during launching, and try to keep dirt out of the boat. Do not use docks. “Seal launches” are not allowed.
2. **FOOTPEGS**—Be sure to release footpegs before adjusting. Never try to force movement with your feet. Cautiously check fit on land. Clean track if needed.

Rental Policies

1. **SEASONAL LIMITATIONS**—During summer months, watercraft availability is limited and use must be planned so as to not interfere with summer program needs. Use may also be limited during council or district events.
2. **REFUND POLICY**—Rental fees paid are not refundable. They are transferable to another date if notice of cancellations is received at the Council Service Center prior to 72 hours of the time that the rental period begins. In the event of severe weather Gamehaven Scouting may permit transfer to another date at its discretion.
3. **CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT**—All renters must check in with the Camp Staff upon arrival and present an approved permit before using the requested watercraft. When returning the requested watercraft, users must check out with the Camp Staff. Watercraft used will be inspected by the leader and the Camp Staff at check-in and check-out. The user must pay the cost of any damages determined at check-out. For damages that can be repaired, the price of repairs will be billed to the user. If the rented equipment requires cleaning, a clean-up charge of \$15 per hour will be billed to the user. Minimum cleanup charge is \$15.
4. **DENIAL OF WATERCRAFT USE**—Gamehaven Scouting reserves the right to cancel or to deny permits to groups whose conduct has been such to indicate their watercraft rental is not in the best interest of Scouting. This includes groups with unpaid debts for past usage.

These boats are owned by the next Scout to use them!

Camp Ranger's Report on Watercraft Use

To be completed by the Camp Ranger and returned to the Council Service Center within 7 days of the date of return.

Unit & No. or Name of Out of Council/Non-Scout Group _____ Permit# _____

Pickup: Time _____ Date _____ Return: Time _____ Date _____

Attendance: Scout Group: Cubs _____ Webelos _____ Scouts _____ Venturers _____ Adults _____

Out of Council/Non-Scout Group: Boys _____ Girls _____ Adults _____

Were all policies followed as listed in the rental agreement? Yes ___ No ___ If no, explain _____

	Out	In	Clean?	Damages	Cost to fix
Tandem canoes	___	___	___	_____	_____
Check seats, thwarts, ribs, hull integrity.				_____	_____
Solo canoes	___	___	___	_____	_____
Check seats, thwarts, hull integrity.				_____	_____
Trailers	___	___	___	_____	_____
Check wiring, tires, hitch, crossbars, tiedowns.				_____	_____
Kayaks	___	___	___	_____	_____
Check seat, hatch covers, footpegs, hull integrity.				_____	_____
Canoe paddles	___	___	___	_____	_____
PFDs	___	___	___	_____	_____
Kayak paddles	___	___	___	_____	_____
Total damages					_____

By signing this agreement you acknowledge you received the watercraft with no damage and any damage found upon return is the sole responsibility of the renting party. All damages and lost equipment must be reported to the Camp Ranger.

Adult leader signature _____ (printed) _____ Phone Number _____ Date _____

Camp Ranger signature _____ (printed) _____ Phone Number _____ Date _____

Comments: _____