CWA/ACA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CWA members choosing to purchase a Paddle America ACA membership will receive the benefits of ACA programs with insurance with no additional fees plus the benefits of national ACA membership (i.e. Paddler magazine, The American Canoeist newsletter, ACA national programs and discounts, etc.). CWA members who are not ACA members will be charged $10.00 at every sanctioned CWA/ACA event (e.g., Beginners Training Trips, etc.).

Name(s): _____

Contact Info Updated:
☐ **Address** ☐ **Email**
☐ **Phone**

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (_____)` _____ **Cell Phone:** (_____) _____

E-Mail (Required for E-Gradient): _____

Step 1 CWA **(Required)**	CWA Dues	☐$15	e-Gradient (delivered via e-mail)	or	☐$20	Printed Gradient (delivered via US Mail)
Step 2 ACA *(Optional)*	ACA Dues	☐$30	ACA Individual Membership	or	☐$40	ACA Family Membership
Step 3 SEIC *(Instructors Only)*	SEIC Fee	☐$25	Name(s)			
Step 4 Payment **(Required)**	$	TOTAL AMOUNT. Total all boxes checked. Make check payable to CWA or send payment via PayPal to paycwa@chicagowhiter.org (www.chicagowhitewater.org/paycwa)				

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Chicago Whitewater Association / American Canoe Association Waiver and Release of Liability

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in Chicago Whitewater Association and/or the American Canoe Association, Inc. sports and recreation program and related activities ("Activities") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of paddlesports and related activities and that I am qualified, in good health, in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity. If I decide to leave early and not complete the trip as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) Paddlesports and related Activities Involve Risks And Dangers Of Damage To Personal Property And Serious Bodily Injury, Including Permanent Disability, Paralysis, And Death ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in 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; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.
3. Hereby Release, Discharge, And Covenant Not To Sue the American Canoe Association, Inc., its Paddle America Clubs, affiliated clubs and organizational affiliates, their respective ACA certified instructors, certified instructor trainers, and certified instructor trainer educators, administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, 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, Injuries, Damage To Property, Or Other Damages On My Account Caused Or Alleged To Be Caused In Whole Or In Part By The Negligence Of The "Releasees" Or Otherwise, Including Negligent Rescue Operations; And I Further Agree That If, Despite This Release And Waiver Of Liability, Assumption Of Risk, And Indemnity Agreement I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I Will Indemnify, Save, And Hold Harmless Each Of The Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I/WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND 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.

(Provide printed name, signature, date of signing, American Canoe Assoc. # (if applicable), and date of birth for all family members. If member is a minor, a signature of a parent or guardian is necessary.)

Name	Signature	Date Signed	ACA #	Birth date

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, WAIVER AND CHECK TO:
CWA c/o Heidi Haas
1701 Genualdi Ave
Streamwood IL 60107

YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE WAIVER OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED