Old North State Council, NC  
Rental Agreement for Flat Water Canoe Trailer and Related Property

This Agreement is between the North State Council (ONSC), Greensboro, NC and BSA Troop _____ ("Renter") for the purpose of renting a canoe trailer and related equipment of canoes, paddles, life jackets and related materials. ONSC hereby agrees to rent the use of the Canoe Trailer and Equipment to BSA Renter Troop for _____ days, commencing on __________, 20__ and ending on __________, 20__, and only for the BSA Approved Outing as described in the Float Plan approved BSA Tour Permit. Float plans will be approved for open water (lakes and swamps) excursions. BSA Renter Troop shall return the Canoe Trailer and Equipment to ONSC no later than _____ PM/AM on __________, 20__, in the same condition as received from ONSC, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

BSA Renter Troop shall pay to ONSC, in advance of delivery of the Canoe Trailer and Equipment, for the days specified above. In some circumstances such as multiple day rentals, and with approval of the ONSC, payment may be made upon the return of the canoe trailer and equipment.

The council will do their best to avoid scheduling conflicts. Pay fees with submission of this application. If equipment is not available, the reservation fee will be promptly refunded. The reservation fee will be promptly refunded if cancellation occurs ten (10) days before pickup date. 85% of the fee will be refunded if cancellation is less than 10 days in advance.

BSA Renter Troop shall pay to ONSC, in addition to the rental rate specified below, the sum of $150.00 (via MasterCard or Visa, or check), as a Security Deposit for the Canoe Trailer and Equipment. This security deposit shall also be paid in advance of delivery of the Canoe Trailer and Equipment to BSA Renter Troop. In the event that the Security Deposit is insufficient to repair or replace the damaged or missing items, then BSA Renter Troop shall be financially responsible to ONSC and shall pay any additional sums needed beyond the Security Deposit to complete the repairs or replacement of the damaged or missing items from the Canoe Trailer and Equipment.

In the event BSA Renter Troop does not return the Canoe Trailer and Equipment to ONSC by the agreed upon date and time, and TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, ONSC reserves the right to charge an additional $10.00 per canoe late rental rate for each 24-hour period, or portion return is late. The sum may be deducted from the Security Deposit before returning the remaining balance to the BSA Renter Troop.

By signing below, each person represents and warrants that he/she has authority to execute this Rental Agreement on behalf of the respective BSA Troop and its sponsoring organization.

Old North State Council  

By: ___________________________   date

BSA Troop _____ (BSA Renter Troop)  

By: ___________________________   date

CANOES MUST BE RESERERVD TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. CANOES MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM ON CHECKOUT DAY (M-F) AND RETURNED BEFORE 9 PM ON THE DATE (M-F) THEY ARE TO BE RETURNED, UNLESS ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE COUNCIL OFFICE.
WEEKEND INFORMATION

BSA Renter Troop shall be responsible for making sure the Canoe Trailer and Equipment is in good working order prior to each use. If any defects are found with any equipment, the equipment should not be used and the issue must be reported to ONSC so that the equipment may be taken out of service.

BSA Renter Troop shall be responsible for making sure the Canoe Trailer and Equipment are used in compliance with all laws and all prevailing safety standards.

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*Canoe rental includes Canoe, 2 paddles, 2 life jackets. Additional days @15.00/day. Call ONSC for rates on longer treks.

Minimum rental of 4 to 6 canoes per trailer in order to rent trailer
Canoes must be carried on a canoe trailer not a vehicle.

Attach the following to this form:

Paddlecraft Safety Card, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat card, Lifeguard Certification (not required)
All scouts and adults must have passed the BSA Swimmer Test & wear Class 3 PFD in full accord with Safety Afloat
Rules and Regulations for Flat Water Canoe Rental and Related Equipment:

1. Your council is happy to make canoes available to Scout Troops and Venturing Crews. The welfare of the youth members shall be first in all matters that relate to the operations of the equipment of the Old North State Council. The one code of conduct shall be the Scout Oath and Law. All leaders will adhere to the Guide to Safe Scouting and Safety Afloat.

2. Units/groups must have a signed permit to use the canoe equipment from the Scout office prior to using the equipment. (See Canoe Rental Agreement)

3. Each unit/group must report to the Ranger personnel upon arrival of normal business hours unless special arrangements have been made in advance.

4. Troops, crews, or groups must have two adult leaders 21 years of age or older in attendance of all canoeing-related activities. All adults must have taken the BSA course “Safety Afloat” and at least 2 adult leaders be certified in BSA Paddlecraft Safety (1 day canoe training) AND have a current Safe Swim Defense Card. BSA Lifeguard certification is advised but not required. Any unit/group using the waterfront must have the principles of BSA Safe Swim Defense in effect. All swimming must be in the designated swimming area only. Copies of all certificates must accompany the float plan.

5. All participants in activity afloat must be trained and experienced in watercraft handling skills, safety, and emergency procedures for all float trips or open-water excursions.

6. A Trip Planning Report and complete Float Plan are required and filed with the council office. Float plans will only be approved for open water (lakes and swamps) excursions. Check Weather, rainfall levels before any trek. Lakes and rivers can quickly flood in a storm.

7. State and Local Regulations are applicable, and follow them. Get written permission to use or cross private property.

8. The Ranger will check out canoeing equipment and inspect the canoeing equipment upon its return (as soon as possible). In some situations it may not be possible to inspect the equipment until the next business day. It is the responsibility of the renter to secure the canoes, equipment and trailer when not on council property or if the equipment is returned to council property not during business hours or has not been return checked.

9. All vehicles used to transport the canoes using the canoe trailer are to have all the correct electrical hookups. The trailer requires a 2 inch hitch ball.

10. No one is permitted to ride in the back of the canoe trailer or outside of any vehicle.

11. Life jackets (Type 3 PFD) must be worn at all times while in canoes or other boats. When a unit/group is using the canoes, all requirements in No. 7 of the Safety Afloat guidelines must be met.

12. Leave No Trace applied to the use of watercraft and is the main practice of the council.

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Footnote:

For Cub Scouts: Canoeing, kayaking, rowing, and rafting for Cub Scouts (including Webelos Scouts) are to be limited to council/district events on flat water ponds or controlled lake areas free of powerboats and sailboats. Prior to recreational canoeing and kayaking, Cub Scouts are to be instructed in basic handling skills and safety practices.
13. Repairs for any damage due to negligence on facilities and equipment are to be paid for by the unit/group. The unit/group will be charged the exact repair or replacement cost.

14. Your area, building, and equipment must be inspected by the Ranger before you leave unless other arrangements have been made. Please leave the equipment as clean as or cleaner than you found them.

15. Council canoes are available from April 1st to November 1st.

Rates for ONSC Scout Units (see Rental Rights):
- $30.00 weekend rate (2 days includes canoe, 2 paddles, 2 life jackets).
  Additional rental days @ $15.00/day
- $20.00 Trailer rental per Trek
- $2.00 for extra life jacket per outing
- $2.00 for extra paddle per outing
- Additional fees may apply when using council camp sites.
- Call ONSC for rental fees on treks longer than 3 days.
- Payment to be made at ONSC Office.

Planning

*Float Plan* — Obtain current maps and information about the waterway to be traveled. Know exactly where the unit will "put in" and "pull out" and what course will be followed. Travel time should be estimated generously. Review the plan with others who have traveled the course recently. Float plans will only be approved for open water and Class 1 river excursions.

*Local Rules* — Determine which state and local regulations are applicable, and follow them. Get written permission to use or cross private property.

*Notification* — File the float plan with parents or participants and a member of the unit committee. File the float plan with the local council office when traveling on running water. Check in with all those who should be notified when returning.

*Weather* — Check the weather forecast just before setting out, and keep an alert weather eye. Bring all craft ashore when rough weather threatens. Suitable weather requires clear skies, no appreciable wind, and warm air and water.

*Contingencies* — Planning must identify possible emergencies and other circumstances that could force a change of plans. Appropriate alternative plans must be developed for each.