



# Georgia Canoeing Association, Inc.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join, you need only to:

1. Complete the Membership Information section below.
2. Complete the Newsletter Subscription section below.
3. Select the options you prefer in the Dues section on back of this form.
4. Complete and sign (you and all paddling family members) the Waiver and Release of Liability on back of this form.
5. Mail the completed form, along with your check payable to Georgia Canoeing Association (GCA) to the address on back of the form.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - Complete the form below as you want to be listed in the GCA Membership Directory. Yearly membership is for twelve months from the date you join.

Primary names on Membership (Limit 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email ID 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email ID 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other paddling family members \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION - Complete the statement below to receive *The Eddy Line*, newsletter of the Georgia Canoeing Association:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, apply for membership in The Georgia Canoeing Association, and enclose \$20.00 as my membership dues for the next 12 months, or \$200.00 for a life membership. Please email me my copy of The Eddy Line.

Note: Email delivery of The Eddy Line provides a .pdf file sent to your email address. Email delivery requires use of a computer with access to the internet and a valid email ID.

**Be sure to specify your email address in the Membership Information section above.**

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DUES - Annual dues are \$20.00. Life member dues are \$200.00. Fill in the appropriate blanks below:

Dues (Yearly \$20.00 or Lifetime \$200.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional contribution to the GCA River Access Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total (Make check payable to Georgia Canoeing Association) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that paddle sports and all related activities are inherently dangerous and INVOLVE foreseeable and unforeseeable RISKS AND DANGERS OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH as well as severe social and economic losses ("RISKS"). Risks can arise from various hazards, both natural and man made, including, without limitation, unpredictable water, weather and other natural conditions, hazards while transporting equipment and launching into the water, defective or improper equipment, the actions and inactions of my fellow adventurers who may be negligent, potential exposure to and illness from infectious diseases (including without limitation MRSA, Influenza, and COVID-19), and other unknown or unforeseeable risks and dangers. I am familiar with and appreciate these risks. I understand that I have no legal obligation to assist others, but may do so at my own election and to the best of my ability without unreasonably endangering myself. I understand that my fellow adventurers have no legal obligation to render assistance to me. I assume and accept full responsibility for determining the adequacy of my skill, equipment, and physical condition to engage in any GCA activity. I hereby represent that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition for this activity. I understand it is my responsibility to discontinue my participation should I feel the conditions are unsafe. If I decide to leave early and not complete a trip as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave. I expressly assume and accept full responsibility for the consequences of my exposure to all risks, hazards, and dangers that I may encounter in any GCA activity.

I hereby release, discharge, agree to hold harmless and agree not to bring any legal action against the GCA, its directors, officers, leaders, coordinators, instructors, members or guests, either personally or as representatives of GCA, arising out of or relating to any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries to person or property, action for any acts of active or passive negligence, including negligent rescue or first aid efforts (except willful or wanton negligence or misconduct), arising out of or connected with my participation in any GCA activity. This release is given in consideration for similar releases granted or to be granted to my benefit by other GCA members and participants in GCA activities.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING 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.

This release has no expiration date and shall be deemed reaffirmed each time I participate in any GCA activity.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

(If any of the above is under 18 years old, the following statement must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (signature), have read and understood the above waiver and release of liability, and agree to be bound by its provisions. As parent/legal guardian of the above-named minor(s), I hereby grant permission for him/her/them to participate in GCA events and activities.

Mail your check, along with this completed form, to: GCA, PO Box 611 • Winston, GA 30187