Essential Eligibility Criteria

Mountain Whitewater Descents, Inc. 1329 N. US Hwy 287 Fort Collins, CO 80524

All rafting, kayaking and inflatable kayaking activities at Mountain Whitewater Descents are open to any person who meets the following Essential Eligibility Criteria as well as meet the minimum age requirements set by Mountain Whitewater Descents. Participants in activities conducted by Mountain Whitewater Descents must agree that they meet the Essential Eligibility Criteria on their own or in some cases, with the help of a qualified companion.

Essential Eligibility Criteria are as follows:

- 1. All participants must be able to wear all protective and safety equipment that are required by Mountain Whitewater Descents and recommended/required by industry wide standards.
- 2. All participants must be able to load and unload, on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion, the bus and/or van providing transportation for Mountain Whitewater Descents activities.
- 3. All participants must be able to reach the river access points (put-in and take-out) on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion.
- 4. All participants must be able to enter and exit the raft, kayak and/or inflatable kayak on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion.
- 5. All participants must be able to remain seated and balanced in a floating raft, kayak or inflatable kayak w/ the aid of adaptive equipment, if necessary. Adaptive equipment may not impede or lessen the effectiveness of safety procedures and equipment. No person may be strapped or belted into a water craft and no safety equipment will be modified for any person.
- 6. All participants must be able to perform all on water activities, including following instructions that like paddling commands from the guide in class I and higher whitewater on their own or with the assistance of a qualified companion.
- 7. All participants must be comfortable in moving and still water including floating on our back with the aid of a Personal Floatation Device, turning from face-down to face-up in the water with the aid of a Personal Floatation Device and must be able to hold their breath while under water.
- 8. All participants must be able to get out from under a raft, whether the raft is up-right or capsized, in moving water.
- 9. All participants must be able to make progress toward the shoreline by swimming in moving water and must be able to exit the river and ascend the shoreline once reached.
- 10. All participants must be able to move about the campsite on their own or with the aid of a qualified companion on all trips that include overnight camping and/or lunch.
- 11. All participants must have at least one person in a kayak or inflatable kayak with the ability to move the water craft through the water in a stable manner for all kayak and inflatable kayak trips.