

MOTOR BOATING WAIVER & RELEASE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Winnetka Park District is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Park District continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participant's safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in motor boat activities.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

When motor boating, make sure that every person on board wears life jackets or personal floatation devices. Check weather conditions before leaving, carry a radio to receive regular weather reports and keep an eye out for storms. Never allow anyone to ride in the bow – keep all passengers in their seats. Do not overpower your boat by exceeding its horsepower rating – overpowered boats are very unstable and can capsize when turning. Too much weight caused by too many people and/or gear can cause the boat to capsize or sink. Power-driven boats should always give the right of way to sail-boats, canoes, rowboats, and other boats without motors.

WARNING OF RISK

Motor boating can be dangerous and risky. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death. All hazards and dangers cannot be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include failing to follow safe boating rules and regulations, drinking alcohol, failing to yield the right of way to other boats, traveling too fast for water or weather conditions, overloading the boat, carelessness or horseplay, inexperience, improper installation and maintenance of equipment, collisions between boats, striking natural or artificial surface or subsurface objects, failing to wear life jackets or personal floatation devices, losing control of the boat, acts of God, dangerous weather and water conditions, inadequate instruction/supervision, and all other risks inherent in motor boating. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this activity (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this activity against the (Park District), including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, my on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED
If the signature of adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on this waiver, found on the reverse side.

Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the identified programs/activities, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with said programs/activities (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in these programs/activities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in these programs/activities against the Winnetka Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as Winnetka Park District).

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Winnetka Park District from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with these programs/ activities.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, your on-line facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Please sign on the reverse side of this form.

Residency Policy

Recreation program residency rates apply to everyone who lives within Park District boundaries and pays Winnetka Park District taxes. Non-residents pay an additional non-resident fee per program. Non-residents fees are the second fee shown in program descriptions.

Photo/Video Policy

Photos and video footage are periodically taken of participants in a class, during a special event or at the District's parks and facilities. Please be aware that, by signing this waiver and release you are authorizing the Park District to use these photos and video footage for District advertising and promotion without your further permission and without any compensation to you. All photos/video are property of the Park District. Please call the Communications Office at 847.501.2076 for more information.



Winnetka Park District Beach and Launching Rules/Guidelines



The following regulations will be implemented by the Winnetka Park District staff during hours of operations to insure that all beach users will be able to use Lloyd and Elder Lane Beach in harmony. At the time of purchase each season pass holder is asked to read the following regulations and sign a form (the registration form) that they are aware, understand and will follow the rules when launching their vessel:

1. Lloyd Beach is for the exclusive use of individuals participating in boating and sailing activities. **NO SWIMMING IS ALLOWED AT LLOYD BEACH!**
2. Lloyd Beach and Elder Lane Beach are staffed Memorial Day through Labor Day.
3. Staff hours at Lloyd Beach are 8:00am till Dusk. Staff hours at Elder Lane Beach are 9:00am till 7:00pm.
4. Holidays rates will include Memorial Day Weekend, July 3rd and 4th, and Labor Day.
5. Motorboats must be attended by owner/passenger at all times when in the launch. Staff members are not responsible for watching boats. The Winnetka Park District is not responsible for any damages.
 - a. Motorboats are required to have boat fenders present on the port or starboard side when launching and docking.
6. Motorboats are required to have two (2) boat lines when launching and docking.
7. Personal watercraft hours are restricted to 9:00am till dusk seven (7) days a week.
8. In compliance with the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act Digest, age of operations of personal watercrafts as well as power boats will be as follows:
 - a. No persons under the age of 10 may operate a motorboat or PWC.
 - b. Persons at least 10 years of age and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat only if:
 - i. They are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.
 - c. Persons at least 12 years of age and less than 18 years of age may, however operate a motorboat or PWC if:
 - i. They are in possession of a Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources Office, Division of Education, or a valid certificate issued by another state, a province of the Dominion of Canada, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron.

Summary Chart of Age Requirements for PWC Operators

Age	Cannot Operate Boat or PWC	May operate Boat or PWC with Parent/ Guardian or designated individual over 18 years of age.	May Operate Boat or PWC with Safety Certificate.
Under age 10	X		
At least age 10 and under age 18		X	
At least age 12 and under age 18		X	X



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- d. **Individuals who do not follow the above age rules will be subject to having their pass suspended or revoked by the Winnetka Park District.**
9. Due to limited space and control problems each season pass holder may bring up to (4) four guests.
 - a. Swimming is **NOT ALLOWED AT LLOYD BEACH!**
 - b. At Elder Lane Beach, guests must stay on the north side of the pier and swimming is not allowed on this end of the beach. In order to swim, guests must purchase a daily beach pass and swim only on the south side of the pier.
 10. Patrons on the beach without purchasing a daily beach pass must be accompanied by a season pass holder or a rack pass holder.
 11. The personal watercraft/motorized vessel season pass will be issued to the registered owner of the watercraft. Only the immediate family of the registered owner can launch the watercraft. The owner and/or the immediate family must be present during the time the watercraft is in use.
 12. When returning to the launch, existing boats have the right away.
 13. Refueling of personal watercrafts will not be allowed on Winnetka Park District properties.
 14. All personal watercraft users must wear Coast Guard approved life jackets.
 15. All personal watercraft and motorized vessels must have a fire extinguisher present.
 16. All personal watercraft usage will be by season pass only. No daily fees will be available to launch a PWC.
 17. All paddle boarders are required to utilize a safety leash. Children under the age of 13 are required to wear a life jacket when using a paddleboard.
 18. Non-Motorized and motorized vessels, besides personal watercrafts, are able to purchase daily fess for launching as well as a season pass.
 19. A season pass or daily fee is required for all vessels.
 20. All season passes are non-refundable and non-transferable.
 21. Buoys will be installed in the lake to designate no-wake areas and access areas to and from the beach. If buoys should be moved by wave action Park District staff will replace them as soon as possible and watercraft operators will still be expected to follow normal locations of the buoys.
 22. Any type of watercraft causing a wake inside the designated no-wake areas are subject to having their season pass suspended and/or revoked.
 23. The north end of Lloyd Beach is used for non-motorized vessels only. Anchor and switching passengers is only allowed in front of beach house and the south end.
 24. As a courtesy to non-motorized users and rack space owners, all personal watercrafts shall operate 100 yards from the shore and only beach/anchor their watercraft directly in front of the beach house and on the south side of the beach.
 25. No boogie boards and inflatable floatation devices allowed.
 26. No dogs are permitted on the beach at any time. Village ordinance #504 will be enforced.
 27. No fires, including grills, are allowed on the beach.
 28. Glass containers are not allowed on the beach.
 29. No alcohol is allowed on the beach.
 30. For the safety of the sailing students and personal watercraft users, all personal watercraft operators shall be aware of the District's Sailing Programs held at Lloyd Beach and will make every effort to stay removed from these classes. All PWC and Motorized Boat operators shall observe proper right of way.