



Big Winds Junior SUP Race Team 2019 Application

The Big Winds Junior SUP Race Team is for kids from 10 to 18 years old and **is appropriate only for kids who are already comfortable in rough water, are good swimmers, are willing to work hard during training and who think it's fun to do so.** The training sessions are vigorous, fast paced, challenging and *FUN!* Kids will learn all kinds of cool things, how to paddle really well, how to make awesome turns, how to go downwind, upwind, crosswind, and have a great time in the process.

The Team is made up of two groups: DEVO and JET (Junior Elite Team). Both groups will train together this year. Over the years, the Big Winds JET has posted impressive results in the biggest SUP Races, including multiple first-place finishes and podium sweeps at the Gorge Paddle Challenge and California Battle of the Paddle.

Training for both the Devo Team and the JET start formally the week of June 17 and conclude with the Naish Columbia Gorge Paddle Challenge, the weekend of August 17 and 18. Both teams train together on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 6:45 to 8:00 am. There are approximately 18 training sessions available to all of the kids + some extra downwind training sessions TBD.

Prior to participation in the Big Winds Jr. SUP Race Program, all athletes must submit a completed application, a waiver signed by their parent/legal guardian and have paid the appropriate fees. The cost of the program is \$175 if the athlete has her or his own board and paddle. If they need to use Big Winds board and paddle, the cost is \$345. Each athlete is encouraged to own her or his own PFD and paddle. All athletes in the program are eligible for discounts at Big Winds for accessories related to the program, including, paddles, PFDs, wetsuits, booties, etc. Discounts are also extended to athletes wishing to purchase her or his own board. Kids who own their board take advantage of the opportunity to paddle frequently. Kids in the program who want to paddle outside of training session during the summer

may rent a board at the Big Winds Event Site Center for the reduced rate of \$10/hour, depending upon availability. This does not include high performance race boards.

Kids who are accepted into the program are required to be on time, work hard and be humble. There is no tolerance for tardiness, laziness or cockiness. If you think this all sounds like fun, then please fill out the application and submit it to me, Steve Gates, either in person at Big Winds or via email to: steve@bigwinds.com. If you have questions, feel free to contact me via email.

Thanks and I look forward to paddling with you!

-Steve Gates
Program Director

Athlete's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Briefly describe your watersports (SUP, Windsurf, Kiteboard, Surfing) experiences:

What other sports do you participate in?

Why do you want to join the Big Winds Junior Team?

Applicants Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**BIG WINDS JUNIOR TEAM PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, the parent/guardian of (or adult participant) _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with watersports, windsurfing, stand up paddle, and all water recreational activities, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and travelling to and from activity sights in which I am about to engage. **Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:**

1. Risk of Injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, sever injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that my result in permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or other's equipment.
3. I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN. However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. I further agree that no helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. Variation of water flow, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to rocks, stumps, debris, posts, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, collisions, capsizing, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
5. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision-making including misjudging terrain, weather, water surfaces, or other obstacles.
6. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result in heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia, and dehydration.
7. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to inclement weather, thunder and lightning, sever and or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
8. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
9. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
10. Impact or collision with other athletes, or spectators.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH,** or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,** the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: Big Winds Hood River, Inc.
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This agreement shall apply to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature of Adult Participant

Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)

Date

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.

Signature of Parent or adult legal Guardian if Participant is a Minor, and by _____ Name of Parent or adult legal Guardian (Please Print)
their signature, they on my behalf release all claims that both they and I have.

Name of Minor (Please Print)

Date