

River Ramblers Club “Code of Expectations”

River Ramblers is a club of like-minded individuals who wish to fully enjoy the wonders of nature and our region’s beautiful rivers. We enjoy socializing, paddling and camping together, and helping each other have a safe and fun-filled experience. To accomplish this, we have the following expectations for all trip coordinators and participants.

Expectations for Trip Coordinators:

<u>Trip Coordinators Are Expected to:</u>	<u>Trip Coordinators are NOT Expected to:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plan trips and distribute trip packets upon request that outline details of the paddle▪ Screen <i>new</i> participants for adequate skills when they request a trip packet – and deny participation on the day of the trip if individual is deemed to be too inexperienced▪ In advance of the trip, check water levels and scout trip if necessary to ensure an enjoyable and safe day – however, given unknowns, there are no guarantees▪ Hold a pre-trip meeting for introductions and a logistics/safety review▪ Ensure that all participants sign-in – also, collect club donation monies and give to the club Treasurer after the trip▪ Execute the car shuttle and ensure that all drivers are expeditiously returned post trip▪ Count boats and make sure everyone is accounted for at lunch and at end of trip▪ Either act as sweep or arrange for someone else to do this for the safety of all▪ If possible, help those having trouble on the river <i>without</i> endangering themselves▪ Call authorities if 1-hour after everyone is off the river someone is missing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provide paddling lessons for novices that have inadequate skills to do the trip▪ Carry participant boats down to the river – of course, like all club participants, trip coordinators will make their best effort to help others, out of common courtesy▪ Execute dangerous rescues themselves if they deem they don’t have the strength or it will be a serious risk for them – trip coordinators will use best efforts to rally help from other participants <p style="text-align: center;"><i>NOTE: Ultimately, each participant is responsible for their own safety</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wait more than 1-hour for stragglers who stray from the group to explore backwaters, fish, swim, rest or just float – if participants wish to go more slowly, then these participants are expected to inform the trip coordinator of their desires prior to everyone launching their boats

Expectations for All Paddlers/Trip Participants:

- Be honest with the trip coordinator about your abilities, and agree not to participate if you don’t have the skills required for a specific paddle
- Arrive on time with the proper equipment, clothing and food/water (as outlined in trip packets)
- Volunteer to help with the car and driver shuttles when requested (especially if you have a high occupancy vehicle and/or boat trailer to expedite this activity) – and extend common courtesy to help others unload their boats and bring them to the river launch area
- Sign in, pay attention to pre-trip instructions and consider a contribution per club guidelines
- Be responsible for yourself and any inexperienced guest you invite to join the trip
- Openly communicate concerns/activities with the trip coordinator to ensure the optimal safety for all
- Have fun, be respectful of others who enjoy the serene surroundings as an opportunity for animal/bird sightings, and be helpful to all other trip participants throughout the day/weekend
- Provide an Emergency Contact Phone Number to the Trip Coordinator when signing in for the trip.