

# WILDERNESS TOURS 2025 KEENER KAYAK APPLICATION

KEENER LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ HT \_\_\_\_\_ WT \_\_\_\_\_ T SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PROV/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ PC/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

KEENER EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

*If there are two from the same family, we will deduct \$100/week for second Keener. Please deduct \$100/week from second session when attending 2 sessions. We require a 50% deposit with the balance due 120 days in advance of Keener Session. Rates are Canadian Dollars & US/Sterling/Euro Keeners save about 30% on the exchange rate.*

## PLEASE CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY

- 3 Week Keener Session (1) Sun, June 22 – Sat, July 12 Rate is \$1,395/week
- 3 Week Keener Session (2) Sun, July 13 – Sat, Aug 2 Rate is \$1,595/week
- 3 Week Keener Session (3) Sun, Aug 3 – Sat, Aug 23 Rate is \$1,395/week (CANADA CUP Sun, Aug 17)

## REQUIRED EXTRAS (Keeners currently certified in FA/CPR and SRT are exempt – please send copy of certs with application)

- Keener clothing \$109 (2-T's and a hoodie)       Kayak First Aid Kit \$95 (this is mostly first aid supplies)
- First Aid/CPR Course \$279 (3 year international certification which meets river guide/kayak instructor requirements) mandatory
- SRT \$269 (CRC Swiftwater Rescue Technician Level 2 – 3 year international certification which meets river guide/kayak instructor requirements)
- Kayak throw bag \$109 (mandatory, along with SRT)
- Travel to other rivers (expenses are tallied and divided among Keeners)       Competition Fees

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS – please check off required extras

- Cancellation Insurance \$199/week (allows for full refund & requires 3d party written verification e.g. doctor) – **We highly recommend!!**
- Ottawa Airport Shuttle \$169 each way (please send flight information at least 15 days prior – **Keeners need a passport**) surcharge will be added if arrival and departure are outside of suggested arrival and departure times
- Boat Rental \$150/week (40% discount if flying);  Gear Rental \$100/week (paddle, spray skirt, helmet, life jacket)

Prices and programs subject to change without notice.

CREDIT CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR CARD WILL BE DEBITED FOR 50% WITH THE BALANCE DEBITED 120 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL.**

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME & EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Mail, email to: Wilderness Tours, 1260 Grants Settlement Road, Foresters Falls, ON K0J 1C0  
Please direct Questions to Joe at 1.888.RAFT.NOW ext 230; Cell 613.585.2291 or email [joe@wildernesstours.com](mailto:joe@wildernesstours.com).  
Joe's direct line is 613.703.6107; Paula's direct line is 613.703.6113.

**2025 AFFIDAVIT OF (parents)**

WE, \_\_\_\_\_, parents/guardians residing at (insert address) \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That we are the parents of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. That the said \_\_\_\_\_ resides at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. That our son/daughter (please circle) is attending a kayak school with Wilderness Tours on the Ottawa River from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.
4. We understand that part of this program will involve traveling to other rivers and to competitions. That we have discussed this arrangement and consent to \_\_\_\_\_ to travel for the purpose of training and to participate in competitions.
5. During the kayak school program and competitions, \_\_\_\_\_ will be under the care and supervision of Wilderness Tours Staff and/or representatives.
6. We hereby authorize and agree that the staff of Wilderness Tours and/or their representatives may have the authority to authorize medical treatment if required and to act as guardians. **Our Health Card Insurance Plan and # is** \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We make this Affidavit for the sole purpose of permitting \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Wilderness Tours kayak program and to leave the County of Renfrew, Province of Ontario during the above-noted time period for kayak competitions in the Province of Quebec or other Ontario locations and for no other or improper purpose. If flying as a minor, to be picked up and dropped off at the airport by Wilderness Tours representatives.
8. I do/do not authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to paddle without supervision during free time. (PARENTS – please cross off “do” or “do not”). Please note that paddling without supervision still means following safety protocol of minimum of 3 Keeners with senior Keener as trip leader; sign in and sign out; written approval by Keener coach that Keener has necessary skills to paddle w/o adult supervision.
9. I authorize my credit card to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ share of travel to other rivers, competition entry fees, medication, extra staff time or any other expense incurred by Wilderness Tours on behalf of the Keener. I have read and understand the Required Reading section of the application. I also understand there are absolutely no refunds of any kind without cancellation insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent(s)

**REQUIRED READING**

**PAYMENT AND RATES**

**Rates are quoted in Canadian Dollars.** Payment by credit card calculates the exchange against the current rate and is the preferred method of payment. Any other forms of payment will require the current exchange to be calculated on the total. Rates are per week. Please add \$15/day Park Pass Service Charge and 13% tax (HST). Clothing and other tangibles are subject to an additional 13% tax.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

A 50% deposit is required upon reservation with a major credit card. The balance will be charged to the same card 120 days in advance of the participant's arrival. Cancellations made prior to 120 days will receive a 85% refund. There are no refunds or cancellations within 120 days on the program or any item relating to Keeners. Cancellation insurance should be purchased on the reservation, which will cover guests in the event of a serious illness, accident or family bereavement with a third party certificate such as a doctor's note.

### **WHO SHOULD BE A KEENER**

The Keener Program is for teens with a passion for kayaking and who already possess a good "roll" in whitewater. **It is not a traditional summer camp and bears no resemblance to one.** It is a high-performance athletic program. Keeners are coached on the water and supervised off the water. We offer a teen resident kayak camp for teens whose skill level is not quite sufficient for Keeners.

### **DISCIPLINE**

As stated above, Keeners is high performance athletics. While discipline problems are rare, they can occur. Minor infractions are dealt with "time off the water". As Keeners are minors, they must be supervised, and we debit the parent's credit card for costs incurred. While rare, serious infractions result in expulsion and parents must required tck up their son or daughter immediately.

### **FLYING TO WT** (passports are required for all international Keeners)

Our closest international airport is Ottawa (YOW) about a 2-hour drive from WT. **Keeners flying to Ottawa should arrive Sunday afternoon between 1-4 pm. Keeners departing Ottawa on Saturdays should schedule a departing flight 12 – 4 pm.** International Keeners must call WT at 1.888.RAFT.NOW from their departure city if they are on a direct flight or from their last transfer point.

For example, if you are flying from Denver through Chicago to Ottawa, call us from Chicago to let us know if your flight is still on time. Our toll-free number works from any pay phone without cost to the caller. You will clear customs and immigration in Ottawa. Once you have cleared customs and immigration, just walk outside the terminal and wait to be met by a WT staff member wearing a red staff shirt. If there are any problems, just go to a pay phone and dial 1.888.RAFT.NOW. All flight information including airline, flight number, arrival and departure cities and times are required **in writing** at least 14 days prior to arrival. **WE REQUIRE THE E-TICKET FLIGHT SCHEDULE FROM THE AIRLINE at least 15 days prior to flight to avoid financial penalty. WE DO NOT TAKE FLIGHT INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE.** Keeners arriving and departing outside the recommended window my be charged \$20/hour for wait time.

### **FLYING HOME**

Our responsibility ends when we ensure the Keener is checked in and goes through security. Keeners flying to or through the US clear US Customs and Immigration in Ottawa. It is your responsibility to maintain cell phone contact with your Keener and monitor their flights.

### **FLYING AS AN UNACCOMPANIED MINOR**

Young teens can be sent as an "unaccompanied minor". Airlines accept responsibility and only release the minor to an authorized person. You must let us know if your Keener is flying as an unaccompanied minor to arrange for our representative to meet them inside the terminal to "sign" the release; otherwise, we wait outside. Ottawa is a small air port and getting lost is not an issue. **IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR YOUR KEENER TO FLY WITH A LETTER OF PERMISSION SAYING YOUR CHILD IS ENROLLED IN KEENERS AND WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF WILDERNESS TOURS.**

### **FLYING TO WT WITH YOUR KAYAK**

Most airlines now accept freestyle kayaks as checked baggage. However, diligence on your part is still required. Air Canada requires you register with them as they limit the number of kayaks on a flight (because of space issues). For example, the limit for Ottawa on a small plane is 2 kayaks. United Airlines accepts kayaks if you belong to USACK.

Go online and become a member. It's always best to have your kayak/paddle in a bag. Don't weigh it down packing gear into your boat. **Best is to rent a kayak from us and receive 40% discount.** If convenient, bring everything else but the kayak.

## **PASSPORTS**

Passports are required for all international Keeners.

## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

*Arrive Sunday at 3-4 pm at WT.* Find map & travel directions at [www.wildernesstours.com](http://www.wildernesstours.com). *Pick up & departure is 10 am on Saturday at Keenerville.* Stay at WT with a 20% discount on camping/cabin/meal packages.

## **TRAVEL TO OTHER RIVERS**

Keeners travel to other rivers during each session. Costs are tallied and divided between the Keeners. Cost is about \$50 - \$90. Other rivers may include the Petawawa in Algonquin Park and Quebec's Gatineau or Rouge.

## **PRO DEALS**

We have a Pro Deal for Keeners from Level 6. They make great gear that we wear and use ourselves.

To order Level 6 gear, order from them directly. We supply Level 6 with the Keener Roster. You will receive a 20% discount and your gear will be shipped to you directly or to WT waiting your arrival. Check out all their great products at [www.levelsix.com](http://www.levelsix.com).

## **SAFETY**

Keeners is a rigorous program and while serious accidents are unlikely, they are possible. A signed waiver is required and can be completed on our website prior to attending their session. If a Keener is injured during training and is unable to complete the course, we credit the unused portion for time later in the season or the following season. Keeners using a credit for the following season must come for a minimum of 3 weeks.

## **FREE PADDLING**

With written permission from the Head Coach (and parent) Keeners are free to paddle on their own. However, this is only under Keener protocol which includes signing out and back, all paddlers must be back ½ hour before dark, paddling with first aid kit, paddling with other Keeners (min group size is 3 except for McCoy Chute which is 2), senior Keener in charge.

## **PARENTS PROGRAM**

Keener families receive a 20% discount on WT rafting & Ottawa Kayak School incl accommodations & camping

## **KID'S WEEK Dates to be announced**

For ages 7-11 and must be accompanied off river by an adult.

## **FIRST AID/CPR AND SRT**

These international certification courses are a standard for river guides and kayak instructors. Wilderness Tours is a founding member of the Canadian River Council (CRC). They are mandatory for Keeners. Keeners who are already certified need to provide us with a copy of the certification for our files with the application. Keeners who do not hold a current certification are required to take the First Aid and SRT course during their Keener stay.

## **LAUNDRY**

Keeners have a washer/dryer at Keenerville.

# **WHAT TO BRING CHECKLIST** (Put your name on everything)

Please note Keeners have washer/dryer for laundry and the river is warm!

- Freestyle boat, paddle, life jacket, helmet, spray skirt (if not renting)

- River clothing (rash guard, running shoes or sandals, river shorts, paddling jacket, dry top – see Pro Deal at Level 6 if you need something)
- PROPER RIVER SHOES ARE MANDATORY**
- Sleeping bag – lightweight (bunks come with mattress, fitted sheet, top sheet, pillow and pillowcase)
- Personal items
- 2<sup>ND</sup> pair of glasses (with safety strap) or supply of contact lenses
- Clothes;  Alarm Clock
- Book or E-reader
- Sunscreen
- Medical information including health insurance card
- Duct tape
- Small off-river first aid kit with band aids, Tinactin, Polysporin, elastic bandage, calamine lotion, ear drops, advil and alcohol swabs
- Favorite Kayak Videos
- Notebook and pen;  Flashlight
- Sturdy sneakers or running shoes
- Combination lock
- Passport (passports are required for all US & International Keeners)
- Signed parent affidavit
- Debit or bank card for spending money (parents can also have spending \$ debited to their credit card anytime during Keeners stay by contacting our office - \$20-30/week is plenty)
- Waterproof wrist watch – Keeners cannot paddle on their own on weekends without one
- Put your name on everything

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

#### Electronics

Keeners with cell phones and flying to WT should bring them for communication while travelling. However, once Keeners are at WT, cell phone use is at a minimum and we collect the sim card during Keener stay.

Smoking, stealing, drinking, drug use, bad language, improper personal relationships are not tolerated.

Piercing is not permitted (other than small ear studs for girls only)

**RACY READING MATERIAL OR VISITING IMPROPER WEBSITES IS NOT PERMITTED**

#### DISCIPLINE

While having to administer discipline to Keeners is rare, it sometimes happens and is required for minor infractions. Keeners “on report” lose their paddling privileges for the day and spend their time with WT’s maintenance department performing character building tasks like picking up garbage or cleaning toilets, along with a supervision fee. A major infraction will result in immediate expulsion with no second chances or refunds. Keeners aware of a major infraction and do not report it are also expelled.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Best Time to Call (in order of priority) Weeknights 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm; mornings 9 am – 10 am & weekends

Keener Mailing Address – Keener Name c/o Wilderness Tours, 1260 Grants Settlement Road, Foresters Falls, ON K0J 1V0

First Aid/CPR and SRT are mandatory unless Keener holds current certification

Keener Speech Night follows Toastmasters International Protocol

## A TYPICAL KEENER 3-WEEK SESSION

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 pm Arrival 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Meeting 10 pm Bed	Pick up rental boats Warm up Day Speech Night	Keener Cooking Class evening session	Ropes & knots Evening session Ropes and Knots	Big Water Beatdown	Competition 6 pm - Pizza Party Campfire	First Aid/CPR Free paddling Cooking class
First Aid/CPR  Free paddling Photo Video Training	Speech Night	SRT Training Keener Cooking Class Ropes & knots	SRT Training Movie night in Pembroke	Big Water Beat Down	Competition 6 pm - Pizza Party Campfire	Free paddling Keener Cooking Class
Free paddling  Photo Video Training	Speech Night	Keener Cooking Class Ropes & knots evening session		Road Trip	Competition Turn in rental boats 6 pm - Pizza Party Campfire	Session Ends 10 am sharp Keeners depart

Please note that schedule may vary; Free paddling means following "Keener Paddling Protocol"  
Keeners flying in should plan on arriving in Ottawa (YOW) **between 1 - 4 pm on Arrival Sunday**  
Keeners flying out should book flight to depart Ottawa (YOW) **between 1 - 4 pm on Departure Saturday**  
Arrivals and Departures outside the window above may result in extra charges of \$20/hour of wait time  
**We require e-ticket at least 15 days prior to flight.** Late flight information may result in a financial penalty.

Please note that when picking up a group of keeners at the airport, **we time the pickup for the last Keener flying in.**  
That means the first part of the group has to wait for the last part of the group. The Ottawa airport is small and safe.

**International Keeners** flying will clear Canadian Customs and Immigration at their airport of entry.  
**The river is warm** so dry suits are not necessary, Pack light as Sunday - Friday evenings dress is Keener clothing.  
Washer/Dryer is provided at Keenerville so Keeners can pack light  
Keener Cabin Phone #'s 1.888.723.8669 or 613.703.6110 ext 272 for Yakistan and ext 273 for Robertson's.

**SENIOR KEENERS** (for Keeners 17 years old and attending at least 2 sessions)  
Senior Keeners is the next step in youth development, Senior Keeners train with Keeners Mon-Fri  
receive job training skills on the weekend in kayak related positions. Senior Keeners receive a \$200  
/week discount. Contact Joe for information at 613.703.6107 or email [joe@wildernesstours.com](mailto:joe@wildernesstours.com).