

**WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY**

**Uvalde County River Cleanup**

**March 2023 - October 2023**

**All persons must be competent swimmers and sign a waiver form before they can participate in the 2023 River Cleanup sponsored by Uvalde County and Texas Hill Country River Region. Persons under 18 must have their waiver signed by a parent or guardian.**

I agree by participating in the event that I have fully assumed all risks involved, and I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety. I recognize there may be potential hazards of participating in river activities, and I am participating in this event fully aware of any potential dangers and hazards.

I accept responsibility for any injury to me that may occur, and I hold Texas Hill Country River Region and Uvalde County harmless from any action or claim that may arise as a result of any injury or accident.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Texas Hill Country River Region and Uvalde County, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits and liability of every kind, including all expenses of litigation, court costs and attorneys' fees, for injury to or death of any person or for damage to any property arising out of or in connection with the activity in which I am participating today.

I have read the safety rules and recommendations as well as COVID-19 safety information and I have read these documents in full. My signature shows that I understand the meaning of the statement, and I accept full responsibility for my actions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Safety Rules and Recommendations**

River Cleanup Days are Sundays at 1:00PM and Tuesdays at 10:00AM unless otherwise discussed. Depending on water/ weather conditions, plan on 3-4 hours for cleanup. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your start time to go over details, get prepared, and load the shuttle. PLEASE NOTE: Your party should be ready to go and loaded on the shuttle at your scheduled time. If your whole party is not present, you may either reschedule your river cleanup or continue with those in attendance. The shuttle is on a strict schedule and we ask that you respect that.

All participants must be fully competent swimmers and must be at least 14 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Captains will not be responsible for unaccompanied children.

All participants are urged to use flotation devices in the water.

Participants must follow cleanup leaders' instructions and stay with the leader and other volunteers at all times.

No alcoholic beverages and no glass containers are permitted.

Do not go on private property unless you have the owners' permission.

No rough-housing or horseplay permitted during the cleanup.

Do not swim, float or boat over waterfalls, road crossings or dams, and do not swim inside pipes or flumes of roads and dams. Go around these areas on land.

Do not dive into the river or swing on ropes into the river.

Collect only human-generated litter that will fit into a trash bag. Do not pick up natural debris such as tree limbs and brush.

When possible, collect glass and plastic bottles in separate bags to be recycled.

Wear river shoes, sunscreen and appropriate clothing.

Observe all safety precautions for water sports and recreation.

Bring enough water and snacks to last for a couple of hours on the river.

**COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION:**

While participating in events “social distancing” and face coverings are encouraged to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. THCRR cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19.

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in events and/or other face to face fundraising activities. By attending an event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others;
2. Individuals who have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19; or
3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.