

**ST. JOHNS RIVERKEEPER RIVER PATROL VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

*\*form must be filled out and returned to us at: volunteer@stjohnsriverkeeper.org*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_

(Address, City, State, Zip Code)

have been posted as a volunteer to serve as a member of the St. Johns Riverkeeper River Patrol

on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date)

(Neighborhood)

- I am fully aware that as a volunteer river patrol member, I will not be paid for my services or reimbursed for any expenses incurred while performing the normal duties and activities of the river patrol.
- However, because I am serving as a volunteer for a non-profit organization, I understand that I may be able to properly deduct all expenses associated with my duties as river patrol member on Federal or State tax returns. In this regard, I understand that I alone am responsible for properly recording my expenses and determining the extent to which they may be included as a deduction on my tax returns.
- As a river patrol member, I understand that I have no authority or standing to enforce any regulation or law of any local government, the State of Florida or the federal government.
- As a river patrol member, my responsibility is to collect information concerning my designated area, to document any problem that I encounter while on patrol, and to regularly report that information to the river patrol coordinator and/or the St. Johns Riverkeeper.
- I will also document the dates and hours of volunteer service that I provide as a river patrol member and will report this information to the river patrol coordinator at the end of each month.
- I have been provided with the names and telephone numbers of various local, state and federal agencies that have authority over matters related to my water body. I will use this contact information to report any problems that I may encounter during my patrols, and if possible, I will make every attempt to follow through to make sure that the problem is properly resolved.
- I understand that I am not to enter the property of any individual or business without having received advanced permission to do so.
- I am not authorized to speak on behalf of the Riverkeeper, or St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc.
- At all times when serving as a river patrol member, I will do my best to represent Riverkeeper in a professional and courteous manner. I understand that the river patrol is a non-confrontational program and will conduct myself accordingly. I will report all untoward conduct by others that I may encounter to the St. Johns Riverkeeper.
- I understand the rules controlling the proper operation of a boat, and I will abide by these rules at all times while performing my duties as a member of the RK river patrol. I also agree to have all required and necessary safety equipment aboard my boat at all times when I am on the water as a river patrol member.
- Under no circumstances while I am performing as a river patrol member will I use alcohol or drugs or be intoxicated to any degree.
- At no time while serving as a river patrol member will I act in an unsafe manner or perform any act that may result in injury to others or myself. SAFETY will always be my number one priority.

As a river patrol member, I will be solely responsible for all my actions. I will hold the St. Johns Riverkeeper, St. Johns Riverkeeper Executive Director and St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc., harmless against any and all claims for injury or death which may originate from me, my heirs or assigns. Further, I will hold the St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Executive Director, and St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc., harmless against any and all claims of others which may be brought against them for any act or omissions on my part while serving as a river patrol member.

I certify that I have read the policy statement and the river patrol volunteer agreement of the St. Johns Riverkeeper, Inc. I further agree to abide by all provisions of the said statements and to maintain my membership in the St. Johns Riverkeeper while serving as a river patrol member.

I have executed this certification on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)