

caused. I represent that I have full authority as parent, or legal guardian, of the below listed minors.

I understand that risks simply cannot be eliminated in full, in view of the experiences provided by Walden Nature Connections and I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks voluntarily existing in these activities by allowing my child to attend Walden Nature Connections.

Examples of activities that minors may be involved in include, but are not limited to:

- *Tool use including sheath knives, bow saws, hammers, drills, loppers, pruners and fire steels.*
- *Playing near or in shallow bodies of water such as streams, rivers shore, puddles, ponds.*
- *Rough and tumble play with other participants - following the identified rules for such hands on play.*
- *Playing with sticks, rocks, ropes, wood.*
- *Building and attending fires. Cooking over an open flame.*
- *Building temporary shelters with natural resources.*
- *Moving along uneven terrain which may include wet / slippery areas; rocky areas; muddy areas and areas with deadfall.*

Walden Nature Connections will supervise, assist and support children in such activities involving risk so that they may learn how to manage risk in a responsible manner. While the injuries sustained in outdoor activity are mostly minor, they can be severe and on extremely rare occasions, even fatal. All rules are designed to enhance the safety of your child and others and are to be followed at all times.

Your child is under no obligation to participate in all experiences and may choose not to participate at any time during the program.

I certify that the listed minors are in good physical condition for the activities in which they will be participating and certify that they do not have any medical condition that may preclude them from safely participating. And any and all medical conditions have been made away to Walden Nature Connections in writing before the start of the participant joining a Walden Nature Connections program.

I understand and acknowledge that the Walden Nature Connections program in which the participant/my child will participate may be physically strenuous and has risks, dangers and hazards which may include, but are not limited to:

- *Hazards associated with being outdoors which may include walking/working on steep, slippery or uneven ground, holes, falling tree limbs or rocks, exposure to unmanaged plants (those that grow in nature such as weeds, shrubs, trees, berries etc.), exposure to pollen, dust, and animal scratches/bites/stings, including bears, cougars, dogs, deer, coyote rodents, snakes, birds, ticks, insects, bees, wasps, spiders, etc.*

- *Hazards associated with the misuse of using hand tools and equipment such as hand drills, mallets, ropes, axes, saws, hatchets, knives.*
- *Hazards associated with being around an open flame campfire.*
- *Hazards associated with being around streams, rivers, and standing bodies of water.*
- *Hazards associated with having contact with living organisms such as worms, snails, etc.*
- *Hazards associated with becoming separated from facilitators / other group participants.*
- *Hazards associated with transportation to and from Walden Nature Connections (motor vehicle or traffic accidents).*
- *Hazards associated with being outside in cold or hot temperatures.*

As well as more serious injuries (both acute and permanent) and in rare cases, death. Risks may occur from the changing natural environment including adverse weather conditions or from the mis-use of Walden Nature Connections equipment and materials or interaction with other participants in the experience.

I feel that I have been adequately informed of the risks involved and I have had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions to further my understanding of these risks. Further, I have explained these risks to the listed minors.

WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

I, on the behalf of the listed minors, expressly and voluntarily agree to waive any and all claims, suits or demands for personal injury, property damage or other loss against Walden Nature Connections, including but not limited to any and all negligence, negligent supervision and/or negligent instruction, faulty equipment, or the activities of others. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this waiver is intended to be a complete release of Walden Nature Connections for any and all responsibility for personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death sustained by any of the listed minors whilst attending a Walden Nature Connections program, whether arising out of or resulting from their participation in activities, the natural environment or mis-use of equipment and materials provided by Walden Nature Connections.

This release applies forever, for any date in the future including today's date, that the listed minors may attend Walden Nature Connections, and is further binding on the heirs, representatives and estates of the undersigned and minors.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND PROVISIONS

I understand that it is my responsibility as the parent / carer to ensure that my child is dressed appropriately for each program session to protect against weather, mosquito bites, ant bites etc. I acknowledge that I have been briefed on the recommended attire, detailed in the Walden Nature Connections Handbook, which includes but is not limited to long sleeve tops, long sleeve trousers, closed toe shoes, socks and waterproofs.

I agree to ensure that my child begins each session with a full bottle of water and snacks, to minimize dehydration and provide nourishment for the active sessions.

I will provide mosquito repellent and or repellent stickers for my child. I give my permission for my child to have mosquito repellent applied, when necessary to protect against mosquitoes.

I will apply sunscreen prior to my child drop off if the forecast shows it is needed to support in protecting against sunburn. If minors are known to have allergies to any sunscreen then adults should undertake to provide appropriate sun protection.

ADVERSE WEATHER

Due to the location and nature of Walden Nature Connections programme sessions, the weather has the potential to impact participants' safety. I recognize that Walden Nature Connections reserves the right to cancel / implement alternative activities in the event of inclement and undesirable weather or other unforeseen circumstances out of Walden Nature Connections's control.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CONSENT

I understand that Walden Nature Connections will take both photographs and videos of the children while participating in sessions for the purposes of sharing these photos and videos with yourself as a means of Parent / Carer communication and also for promoting the business of Walden Nature Connections on social media platforms, website publications and marketing materials. I give consent for this to take place.

I am free too and will inform Walden Nature Connections separately should I wish to withdraw consent. Consent is not a precondition to accepting children into the program.

I, for the listed minors as their parent, legal guardian or legally authorized custodian, have carefully read this agreement, fully understand its terms, and sign it freely and voluntarily. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and agree to be bound by its terms for myself and on behalf of the listed minors. If any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable by Canadian law, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.

Information provided will strictly not be shared to third parties for marketing or other such gain. It is solely to establish proof of consent to the terms of this waiver.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Based on my understanding, acknowledgement, and consents herein, I agree that _____ (name of participant) has my permission to participate in the Walden Nature Connections Forest School program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date