

2024-2025 Woods Forest School Waiver for Drop-off Sessions

The waiver is to be signed and initiated.

Submit pages 3 & 4 in-person

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, INDEMNIFICATION, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR DROP-OFF NATURE SCHOOL SESSIONS

Woods Forest School LLC (hereafter referred to as “Wood Forest School”) educators are CPR trained, have a first-aid kit on-site, and complete risk assessments of sites and tools before sessions. Ongoing safety assessments are conducted to ensure the natural area does not contain obvious hazards that pose risks.

All Educators follow Woods Forest School’s policies and procedures with regard to safety. We will work to do whatever we can to ensure the safety of our participants whilst delivering a program true to the Nature School ethos. Despite our efforts to navigate and control risk, nature can be unpredictable.

In consideration of the services of Woods Forest School together with all owners, educators, and participants, I, the undersigned adult listed below, hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge Woods Forest School on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, and any other representatives as follows:

ASSUMPTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ALL RISKS

I am at least 18 years of age. On my own behalf, and on the behalf of the below listed participants under the age of 18 (“minors”), as their legal guardian knowingly, voluntarily, and freely accept and assume any and all risks, both known and unknown, of injuries or other loss or damage that may be suffered while my child participates in services offered by Woods Forest School , however 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 Woods Forest School 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 a Woods Forest School session.

Examples of activities that minors may be involved in include but are not limited to: Tool use including: cutting knives, saws, hammers, drills, garden shears, and fire starters. Rough and tumble play with other participants - following the identified rules for such hands-on play. Playing with sticks, rocks, rope, wood. Building and attending fires. Supervised cooking over an open flame. Moving along uneven terrain which may include wet/slippery areas, rocky areas, muddy areas, and areas with deadfall. Woods Forest School will supervise, assist, and support children in such activities involving risk so that they may learn how to manage risk in a responsible manner.

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.

Risks include, but are not limited to, insect bites, snake bites, falls, injuries resulting from uneven terrain or falling branches, allergic reactions,, cuts, lacerations from the misuse of tools, burns from cooking over fires, 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 misuse of Woods Forest School 's equipment and materials or interaction with other participants. I feel that I have been adequately informed of the risks involved. 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 Woods Forest School , 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 Woods Forest School for any and all responsibility for personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death sustained by any of the listed minors whilst attending a Woods Forest School experience, whether arising out of or resulting from their participation in activities, the natural environment or misuse of equipment and materials provided by Woods Forest School . This release applies forever, for any date in the future including today's date, that the listed minors may attend a Woods Forest School experience, and is further binding on the heirs, representatives and estates of the undersigned and minors.

MEDICAL AID AND EXPENSES

I expressly and voluntarily agree to waive, release, acquit, and forever discharge Woods Forest School and agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Woods Forest School from and against all claims, damages, injuries, expenses, or death arising out of or resulting from administering of or failing to administer first aid to any of the listed minors. I **certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage that the listed minors may cause or suffer while participating**, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I grant Woods Forest School the right to request emergency medical services for the listed minors in the event Woods Forest School deem a situation medically necessary and I agree to cover any and all associated expenses.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND PROVISIONS

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my child is dressed appropriately for each activity to protect against weather, mosquito bites, ant bites etc. I acknowledge that I have been briefed on the recommended attire, detailed in the Woods Forest School Parent Handbook and website. I agree to ensure that my child begins each session with a full bottle of water and lunch to minimize dehydration and provide nourishment for active sessions.

ADVERSE WEATHER

Due to the location and nature of our Nature School sessions, the weather has the potential to impact participants' safety. I recognize that Woods Forest School reserves the right to cancel/implement alternative activities in the event of inclement and undesirable weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CONSENT

I understand that Woods Forest School 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 Woods Forest School on social media platforms, website

publications and marketing material. I give consent for this to take place. I am free to and will inform Woods Forest School separately should I wish to withdraw consent.

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 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 California 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.

Student's Names (print all participants)

Guardian Signature

Guardian Print Name

Date

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A physical copy of this form that has been **initialed in ink in the right-hand column** and signed in ink at the bottom is necessary for a child's participation in the Woods Forest School Program.

<p>I grant permission for (print full name of participants)</p> <p>to participate in activities for the duration of the Woods Forest School session that I have registered my child(ren) for the 2024-2025 season.</p>	
<p>I grant Woods Forest School permission to use and publish photographs or videos taken during sessions in print or digital media for promotional and educational purposes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I hereby release Woods Forest School from any and all liability from such use and publication.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not grant Woods Forest School permission.</p>	
<p>I understand that participation in activities can expose named participant to risk and possible injuries, which include bumps, bruises, cuts, sprains, concussions, broken bones, stings, bites, and other possible trauma. I understand that there is an educator trained in first aid on site and grant them permission to treat the above-named participant in the event of an injury.</p>	
<p>I understand that all medical costs incurred while in the care of Woods Forest School are my responsibility.</p>	
<p>I understand that by initialing and signing this document, I hereby release Woods Forest School from any and all liability associated with the program my child is attending.</p>	
<p>I further agree to indemnify and to hold harmless Woods Forest School and its owners and employees for any loss, liability damage, cost, or expense which may incur as a result of any injury or property damage I or my child may sustain while participating in activities.</p>	
<p>Participants are discouraged from bringing additional items to sessions as they may be lost, stolen, or damaged. I will not hold Woods Forest School responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items.</p>	
<p>I understand that Woods Forest School reserves the right to deny access to a participant who has been disruptive in the past or sent home because of behavior issues.</p>	
<p>I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this agreement and accept the risks involved with the above-named participant's engagement in these activities at Woods Forest School.</p>	

Signature

Print Name

Date

