

Notchcliff Nature Programs

FAMILY AGREEMENT



- Benefits of Outdoor Play** | We love that our child will participate in an immersive outdoor learning program! We encourage our child to explore nature in all seasons and habitats, including exploration in or near water, ice, snow, and mud. We welcome the benefits of children taking risks and encourage messy, active, whole-body play!
- Handbook & Waiver** | We will read and abide by all outlined policies and sign all required waivers to participate.
- Program Calendar** | We will review the calendar and make note of important dates and days off.
- Family Involvement** | Where possible, we will attend family forest days and other special events to explore nature with our child as part of the learning community. Forest Kinder Co-Op families will assist for 1-2 classes each month.
- Gear** | We will provide essential gear to ensure our child gets the most out of time spent outdoors. This includes gear to stay dry, warm or cool in every season. If we cannot provide gear, we will ask for support.
- Arrival** | My child will use the potty and wash hands before drop-off. I understand that if I arrive more than 30 minutes after the start of class, I may have to call the teachers and hike to another location to find the class. My child will come prepared with a backpack, full water bottle, and snack (whole fruit, vegetable, or grain) each day. No nuts of any kind are permitted. My child will come dressed for immersive outdoor learning, no matter the weather.
- Pick-Up** | I will promptly pick-up my child at the end of class. If s/he must go home with another adult, I will provide a written note stating permission in advance and that adult will be required to show ID.
- Safety** | I will provide accurate information about my child's health (allergies, medical conditions, medications, etc.) and make sure that teachers have accurate, up-to-date contact information in case of emergency.
- Illness** | We don't want staff or other children to get sick! We will keep our child home if s/he is ill with a fever, rash, contagious illness, or other discomfort that prevents full participation in vigorous outdoor play. If s/he becomes ill while in our care, we will call home for immediate pick-up. See additional policies related to COVID-19.*
- Foraging** | Our child has permission to taste wild edibles such as wood sorrel, berries, violets, mint leaves, etc. and other plants used for making herbal teas and wild salads.
- Tools and Fire-making** | We encourage our child to use real tools and participate in campfire activities and/or fire-making under the careful supervision of adults.
- Respect** | We will work together to cultivate trust, respect, gratitude, and friendship in our learning community. We will always show respect to each other, our "grand friends" at Glen Meadows, facility, and the land we explore. Where possible, we will express our gratitude through service to the community.

We are the parents/legal guardians of the child below and we agree to the policies set forth here.

CHILD'S NAME (PRINTED)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (PRINTED)

SIGNATURE

DATE

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