



Fern Gully School

Holistic Outdoor Education

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way with Fern Gully School and Forest Friends (hereby referred to as FGS), including classes, community events, and/or related events and activities, the undersigned (or the parent/legal guardian of _____, if participant is younger than 18 years of age):

1. Agrees that, prior to participating, he or she should **inspect the facilities and equipment to be used**, and if the participant believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise a representative of the FGS and/or any other person who is reasonably capable of remedying any such condition(s), and refuse to participate unless and until the unsafe condition(s) is/are remedied. *Notice to Parents/Legal Guardians:* FGS will make any and all facilities and equipment to be used reasonably available for your inspection upon request.

2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be **engaging in activities, such as climbing trees/logs/play equipment and the scratches or injuries that may result from animal care or other activities that involve risk** of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from his or her own actions, inactions, or negligence, but also from the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to FGS and its staff, representatives, and/or directors, or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

3. Assumes all the foregoing risks and **accepts personal responsibility for any damages** following such injury, permanent total disability, or death.

4. Releases, waives, discharges and **covenants not to sue** FGS its respective staff, volunteers, administrators, directors, agents, teachers (including guest teachers), contractors, and/or employees of the organization, other members/participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event(s), all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, their heirs, agents, and assigns, for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, resulting from participation with FGS.

5. Authorizes FGS to **use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video** that may pertain to the participant—including their image, likeness and/or voice without compensation; and understands that this material may be used in various publications, social media, news releases, fundraising activities, or for other related endeavors. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn with written notice by emailing the director at ferngullyschool@gmail.com.

6. *For participants younger than 18 years of age*, the undersigned parent or legal guardian acknowledges responsibility for the participant and the transportation to and from FGS and while on the premises. **The undersigned authorizes FGS to go on walking field trips around the premises** during activities with the participant. The undersigned agrees to notify FGS in writing via text or email if any special arrangements for pick-up or drop-off are being made, such as an approved alternate contact.

7. *For participants younger than 18 years of age*, the undersigned parent or legal guardian authorizes FGS to **apply hand sanitizer, natural bug spray and/or sunscreen as needed** and consents to **medical treatment and procedures** deemed immediately necessary and advisable by medical personnel to safeguard the participant's health in a medical emergency.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Childs/Childrens Name(s) _____

BY SIGNING ABOVE OR CHECKING THE BOX DURING REGISTRATION, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASES, AND UNDERSTAND THAT BY ACCEPTING THIS AGREEMENT I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL OF THE FOREGOING TERMS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY AGREEING, AND ACCEPT THE TERMS VOLUNTARILY.