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Informed Consent, Assumption of Risk and Permission Form

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND THOSE OF YOUR CHILD
MAY BE AFFECTED. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**Please Note: Completion of this form is required for your child's participation at
Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School**

Risk Assessment Summary

Participating at Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School, an outdoor, nature-based program, includes inherent and foreseeable risks of harm. Personal injury or even death, and accidents occasionally happen. You are required to accept these and other risks as a condition of your child's participation. While the variety of risks is more than can be listed here, and keeping in mind that Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School educators are trained, experienced and make a strong effort in supporting children to stay safe while learning and playing in nature, the following is a list of the more obvious and frequent risks:

- Injuries from executing strenuous and demanding physical activities
- Injuries resulting from matches or fire
- Contracting poison ivy
- The presence of wild animals and ticks
- Changing and inclement weather including storms, high winds, lightning
- The possibility that your child may not heed safety instructions or directions given to the group or delivered individually
- Negligence on the part of other participants
- NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF NATURAL PATHWAYS FOREST AND NATURE SCHOOL AND ITS AGENTS, PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF NATURAL PATHWAYS FOREST AND NATURE SCHOOL AND ITS AGENTS, PRINCIPALS AND EMPLOYEES, TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT PARTICIPANTS FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES.

Furthermore, I am aware:

- That injuries sustained in outdoor activity can be severe and even fatal
- That all explained rules are designed to enhance safety of my/our child and others and are to be followed at all times
- That fire and open fire cooking require special instruction and training from the facilitator
- That my child's risk of injury increases with fatigue

The Risk Assessment Summary is intended to enable you and your child to better understand and accept the various risks involved at Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School. It is your responsibility to weigh and evaluate the risks on behalf of your child. Your child is under no obligation to participate in all activities at Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School and may choose not to participate at any time after you sign this form.

I/We have read the Risk Assessment Summary for Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School	INITIAL HERE
I/We have reviewed the Risk Assessment Summary for Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School with my/our child and have instructed our child to listen to and follow the instructions provided pertaining to participation at Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School	INITIAL HERE
<p>I/We are aware that participation at Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School involves many risks, dangers and hazards including but not limited to those referred to in the Risk Assessment Summary and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freely and voluntarily assume the risks, dangers and hazards inherent in participating at Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School, including all those described in the Risk Assessment Summary and the possibility of personal injury or death of my child. • being satisfied that Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School is suitable for my/our child, I/we give my/our permission and consent for him/her to participate. 	INITIAL HERE
I will notify Natural Pathways Forest and Nature School ownership or employees if my child suffers from any medical or health condition that may cause injury to themselves or others, or may require emergency care during their participation.	INITIAL HERE

Name of Child

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name Clearly

Emergency Contact # (s)

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