

# Assumption of Risk/Informed Consent Form for Morning or Afternoon Programs

## For Morning or Afternoon Programs:

Please Note: At Fern Flower - Nature School we support children in becoming confident, capable people who have a sound sense of their abilities and interests, and the ability to take appropriate responsibility for their own safety. Adult anxieties about children can lead adults to over-protect them. This makes it harder for children to learn the consequences of their actions and makes learning less engaging. Furthermore, educators, public health professionals, and child development experts are concerned that children today spend less time playing and learning outdoors, with damaging results for them and society. For this reason, free play and child-centered learning are central to this program.

Participating in this program includes inherent and foreseeable risks of harm, personal injury or even death. Injuries — especially serious ones — are rare. Still, it is impossible to guarantee that they will not happen. You are required to accept these risks and sign this form, as a condition of your child's participation.

## Risk Assessment Summary:

Participating at Fern Flower - 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.

The variety of risks is more than can be listed here and will vary depending on the program. However, educators are trained and experienced, and their role is to support children in learning and playing while keeping the risks at an acceptable level.



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Below is a list of obvious and frequent risks:

- injuries from executing strenuous and demanding physical activities;
- injuries resulting from tools, matches or fire;
- injuries resulting from the presence of harmful plants, wild animals, and ticks
- injuries resulting from playing in or near water;
- changing and inclement weather, including storms, high winds, and 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; and,
- NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF FERN FLOWER - NATURE SCHOOL, INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF FERN FLOWER - NATURE SCHOOL STAFF TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT PARTICIPANTS FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES

Signing this form confirms that you are aware:

- that injuries sustained in outdoor activity can be severe, and on rare occasions, even fatal;
- that all rules are designed to enhance the safety of participants and they are to be followed at all times; and,
- that 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 Fern Flower - 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 Fern Flower - Nature School and may choose not to participate at any time after you sign this form.

<p>I/We have read the Risk Assessment Summary for Fern Flower - Nature School.</p>	<p>_____  <i>INITIAL HERE</i></p>
<p>I/We have reviewed the Risk Assessment Summary for Fern Flower - Nature School with my/our child and have instructed my/our child to listen to and follow the instructions provided.</p>	<p>_____  <i>INITIAL HERE</i></p>
<p>I/We /are aware that participation at Fern Flower - 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"> <li>• freely and voluntarily assume the risks, dangers and hazards inherent in participating at Fern Flower - Nature School, including all those described in</li> </ul>	<p>_____  <i>INITIAL HERE</i></p>



<p>the Risk Assessment Summary and the possibility of personal injury or death of my/our child; and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>being satisfied that Fern Flower - Nature School is suitable for my/our child, I/we give my/our permission and consent for him/her to participate.</li> </ul>	
<p>In the case of an injury to my child while in the care, custody, or control of FFNS, I/we agree to be solely responsible for any injury, loss or damage that my/our child might sustain while participating in activities at Fern Flower – Nature School</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>INITIAL HERE</p>
<p>I/we agree to release Fern Flower - Nature School, its Directors, Educators, Facilitators, Volunteers, and Participants from all responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage which my/our child might sustain while participating in any FFNS activity.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>INITIAL HERE</p>
<p>I/We will notify Fern Flower - Nature School ownership or employees if my/our child suffers from any medical or health condition that may cause injury to themselves or others or may require emergency care during their participation.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>INITIAL HERE</p>
<p>I/We have read, understood, and will follow the Parent Handbook for Fern Flower - Nature School.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>INITIAL HERE</p>
<p>I/We had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice but have chosen not to</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>INITIAL HERE</p>
<p>I/We confirm I/we /are 18 years of age or older and the custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child named on this form.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>INITIAL HERE</p>

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Print name of Parent/Guardian  
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Phone Number (1):

Signature (1):

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Print name of Parent/Guardian  
(2):

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Phone Number (2):

Signature (2):

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