

Outdoor Program

Parental Consent for Participation and Acknowledgement of Risks

I, _____ (NAME of parent/guardian), hereby consent to _____ (NAME of child) attending and participating in an outdoor class one day per week (the "Outdoor Class") as part of the regular curriculum of the Yellow ¾ class at Highlands Early Learning Centre, (the "Preschool").

I understand and agree that the **Outdoor Class will take place OFF the Preschool premises** at Murdo Frazer Park in the District of North Vancouver, or at any other park or outdoor area upon written notice from the Preschool (the "Park").

I further understand and agree that my child will be walking to and from the Park from the Preschool under the supervision of Preschool staff.

I further understand and agree that the Outdoor Class **will take place during all seasons and in all types of weather**, including rain and snow, unless cancelled by the Preschool.

I agree that I am responsible for ensuring that my child is **suitably clothed** considering the forecasted and prevailing weather conditions, has all appropriate accessories (gloves, hat etc.) and is wearing appropriate footwear.

I am aware that there are inherent risks involved with outdoor wilderness activity and with my child's participation in the Outdoor Class, including my child's use of any equipment and tools provided by the Preschool or present in the Park.

The risks and hazards of participation in the Outdoor Class may include, but are not limited to the following;

- Injuries from executing strenuous and demanding physical activities
- Injuries from slipping and falling
- Injuries from failing to properly use tools, such as hammers
- The presence of animals including bears, coyotes, cougars, and dogs
- The presence of insects including bees, wasps, mosquitoes, and ticks
- Injuries from contact with insects and animals, including but not limited to bites, abrasions and allergic reactions
- Injuries from contact with plants and objects, including but not limited to bruises, abrasions, cuts and scrapes, poison oak and allergic reactions

I, as the parent/guardian of my child, expressly assume all of the risk of my child participating in the Outdoor Class.

Acknowledgment:

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this document, that I consent to my child's participation in the Outdoor Class, and that I acknowledge and assume the risks involved with my child's participation in the Outdoor Class.

PRINTED Name of Parent / Guardian _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____

PRINTED name of Child _____

Date _____