



Academy in the Wild Liability Waiver/ Parental Consent

Academy in the Wild leaders are First Aid trained, carry a first aid kit and complete regular risk assessments of sites and activities. In addition to this, on the spot safety assessments are conducted to ensure the natural area does not contain obvious hazards that pose immediate risks to the participants.

All of our Forest School leaders, assistants and volunteers are required to read and follow Academy in the Wild's policies and procedures with regards to safety. We will work to do whatever we can to ensure the safety of our Forest School participants whilst delivering a program true to the Forest School ethos in a natural setting. Despite our constant efforts to navigate and control risk, nature can be unpredictable.

In consideration of the services of Academy in the Wild, together with all owners, managers, affiliates, partners and participants, I, _____, hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge Academy in the Wild on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents and any other representatives as follows:

ASSUMPTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ALL RISKS

I am at least 18 years of age. On my own behalf, and on the behalf of the below listed participants under the age of 18 ("minors"), as their legal guardian knowingly, voluntarily, and freely accept and assume any and all risks, both known and unknown, of injuries or other loss or damage that may be suffered while my child participates in services offered by Academy in the Wild, however caused. I represent that I have full authority as parent or legal guardian of the below listed minors.

I understand that risks simply cannot be eliminated in full, in view of the experiences provided by Academy in the Wild and I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume

all of the risks voluntarily existing in these activities by allowing my child to attend Academy in the Wild.

Examples of activities that minors may be involved in include but are not limited to:

- Tools use including sheath knives, bow saws, hammers, drills, loppers, pruners and fire steels.
- Playing near or in shallow bodies of water such as streams, rivers shore, puddles, ponds.
- Rough and tumble play with other participants - following the identified rules for such hands on play.
- Playing with sticks, rocks, ropes, wood.
- Building and attending fires. Cooking over an open flame.
- Building temporary shelters with natural resources.
- Moving along uneven terrain which may include wet/slippery areas; rocky areas; muddy areas and areas with deadfall.

Academy in the Wild will supervise, assist and support children in such activities involving risk so that they may learn how to manage risk in a responsible manner.

I certify that the listed minors are in good physical condition for the activities in which they will be participating and certify that they do not have any medical condition that may preclude them from safely participating.

I understand and acknowledge that the Academy in the Wild Forest School program in which the participant/my child will participate may be physically strenuous and has risks, dangers and Hazards which may include, but are not limited to

- Hazards associated with being outdoors which may include walking/working on steep, slippery or uneven ground, holes, falling tree limbs or rocks, exposure to unmanaged plants (those that grow in nature such as weeds, shrubs, trees, berries etc.), exposure to pollens, dusts, and animals scratches/bites/stings, including dogs, deer, coyote rodents, snakes, birds, tics, insects, bees, wasps, spiders, etc.
- Hazards associated with the misuse of using hand tools and equipment such as hand drills, mallets, ropes, axes, saws, hatchets, knives.
- Hazards associated with being around an open flame campfire.
- Hazards associated with being around streams, rivers, and standing bodies of water.
- Hazards associated with having contact with living organisms such as worms, snails, etc.
- Hazards associated with becoming separated from educators.
- Hazards associated with transportation to and from Forest School (motor vehicle or traffic accidents).
- Hazards associated with being outside in cold or hot temperatures.

As well as more serious injuries (both acute and permanent) and in rare cases, death. Risks may occur from the changing natural environment including adverse weather conditions or from the mis-use of Academy in the Wild equipment and materials or interaction with other

participants in the experience. I feel that I have been adequately informed of the risks involved and I have had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions to further my understanding of these risks. Further, I have explained these risks to the listed minors.

WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS

I, on the behalf of the listed minors, expressly and voluntarily agree to waive any and all claims, suits or demands for personal injury, property damage or other loss against Academy in the Wild, including but not limited to any and all negligence, negligent supervision and/or negligent instruction, faulty equipment, or the activities of others. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this waiver is intended to be a complete release of Academy in the Wild for any and all responsibility for personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death sustained by any of the listed minors whilst attending a Academy in the Wild program, whether arising out of or resulting from their participation in activities, the natural environment or mis-use of equipment and materials provided by Academy in the Wild.

This release applies forever, for any date in the future including today's date, that the listed minors may attend Academy in the Wild, and is further binding on the heirs, representatives and estates of the undersigned and minors.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND PROVISIONS

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my child is dressed appropriately for each activity to support in protecting against weather, mosquito bites, ant bites etc. I acknowledge that I have been briefed on the recommended attire, detailed in the Academy in the Wild Handbook, which includes but is not limited to long sleeve tops, long sleeve trousers, closed toe shoes, socks and waterproofs...

I agree to ensure that my child begins each session with a full bottle of water and snacks, to minimize dehydration and provide nourishment for the active sessions.

I will provide mosquito repellant and or repellant stickers for my child. I give my permission for my child to have mosquito repellant applied, when necessary to protect against mosquitoes.

I will apply sunscreen prior to my child drop off if forecast shows its needed to support in protecting against sunburn. If minors are known to have allergies to any sun cream than adults should undertake to provide appropriate sun protection.

ADVERSE WEATHER

Due to the location and nature of our Forest School sessions, the weather has the potential to impact participants' safety. I recognize that Academy in the Wild reserves the right to cancel/ implement alternative activities in the event of inclement and undesirable weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CONSENT

I understand that Academy in the Wild will take both photographs and videos of the children while participating in sessions for the purposes of sharing these photos and videos with yourself as a means of Parent/Carer communication and also for promoting the business of Academy in the Wild on social media platforms, website publications and marketing materials. I give consent for this to take place. I am free too and will inform Academy in the Wild separately should I wish to withdraw consent. Consent is not a precondition to accepting children into the program.

I, for the listed minors as their parent, legal guardian or legally authorized custodian, have carefully read this agreement, fully understand its terms, and sign it freely and voluntarily. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and agree to be bound by its terms for myself and on behalf of the listed minors. If any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable by Canadian law, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.

Information provided will strictly not be shared to third parties for marketing or other such gain. It is solely to establish proof of consent to the terms of this waiver.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Based on my understanding, acknowledgement, and consents herein, I agree that _____ (name of participant) has my permission to participate in the Academy in the Wild Forest School program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date