



Harrison Hot Springs Elementary

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2022-2023 Impromptu Walking/Hiking Field Trips Informed Consent

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The education of students is not confined to the four walls of the classroom. Teachers enhance their curriculum with field trips outside the classroom. As a parent or guardian, your consent is required for impromptu walking/hiking field trips.

Impromptu walking/hiking field trips are often spontaneous, taking advantage of the weather or to collect or to see something in the community. Such field trips may include, but are not limited to the following;

- Environmental clean up
- Sketching lessons
- Observing local animals & plants
- Walks using senses to observe season changes
- Collecting fall leaves, etc for science or art
- Visit local businesses, art galleries, events, etc
- Environmental enhancement e.g. gardening
- Use of local community trails, beach, playgrounds, parks, tennis court

SUPERVISION: The teacher will directly supervise impromptu walking/hiking field trips. Depending on the grade level and the nature of the activity, additional supervision may be provided by teachers, school aides, or parent volunteers who meet the supervision requirements outlined by our District Field Trip Policy.

RISK REDUCTION: Teachers will discuss behavioural expectations with students and take the appropriate safety precautions before embarking on the impromptu walking/hiking field trip to minimize risk and to enhance the safety of each student. In case of emergency, cellular phones and basic first aid packs are taken or easily accessed on impromptu walking/hiking field trips. For students with life-threatening medical conditions, their emergency procedure plans/medical supplies will be carried by the classroom teacher.

By completing the attached form in advance, Harrison Hot Springs Elementary and the classroom teacher are seeking informed consent for your child to participate in impromptu walking field trips within our school community. Please feel free to talk to the classroom teacher if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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Impromptu Walking/Hiking Field Trips Informed Consent Approval

Student Name: _____

Please check the appropriate box below:

Based on my understanding, acknowledgement, and consents as described, I give my permission for my student (name above) to participate and I clearly understand the known potential risks as listed on the previous page.

- I acknowledge my right to obtain as much information as required about this program or activity and associated risks and hazards, including information beyond that provided to me by the school or board.
- I freely and voluntarily assume the risks/hazards inherent in the program/activity, understand, and acknowledge that my child may suffer personal and potentially serious injury arising from their participation.
- My child has been informed that they are to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service providers administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require their exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have them picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements and I will be responsible for any costs associated.
- I acknowledge that it is my duty to advise the Lead Teacher of any medical/health concerns of my child that may affect their participation.
- I acknowledge that the board or school may choose to cancel the trip if conditions are deemed unsafe (e.g. weather, health advisory). I accept that the board or school will not be liable for any costs associated with such a cancellation.
- I acknowledge that the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.

I DO NOT give permission for my student (name above) to participate in walking/hiking field trips for the school term 2020-2021. I understand that other arrangements will be made for my child.

I would love to volunteer. Please call me at _____

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Known Potential Risks For Day Walking/Hiking

- Injuries related to motor vehicle incidents en route to and from activity area;
- Becoming lost or separated from the group or the group becoming split up;
- Suffering an injury while alone on a route/trail;
- Injuries related to slips, trips, and falls in the program area or en-route to/from it;
- Injuries related to colliding with another person or with a fixed object;
- Injury or delay related to equipment (e.g., poor fit, improper adjustment, malfunction, improper use);
- Foot, knee or other leg injuries (e.g., blisters, sprains, strains);
- Acute or overuse injuries/conditions;
- Injuries related to the physical demands of the activity and/or lack of activity skill;
- Weather changes creating adverse conditions;
- Hypothermia due to insufficient clothing;
- Loss of manual dexterity in hands during cold and wet weather;
- Hyperthermia (e.g., heat exhaustion, heat stroke) due to insufficient hydration, overdressing, and/or overexertion in a hot environment;
- Allergic reactions to natural substances (e.g., bee or wasp stings);
- Injuries related to interactions with animals and plants in the environment;
- Psychological injury due to anxiety or embarrassment (e.g., re: body size or shape, lack of fitness or skill);
- Illness related to poor hygiene or failure to adequately purify water; and
- Other risks normally associated with the activity and environment.