



## **Sprouts Nature School – Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk**

Sprouts Nature School provides outdoor, nature-based educational programming designed to encourage exploration, confidence, resilience, teamwork, and connection to the natural world. Because our programs take place outdoors in parks, trails, forests, prairies, and other natural areas, participation involves certain inherent risks.

### **1. Assumption of Inherent Risks**

I understand that outdoor play and exploration include natural and unavoidable risks, including but not limited to uneven terrain, weather conditions, insects, wildlife, water play, supervised tools, fire tending, and minor injuries such as falls or scrapes.

### **2. Safety Practices**

Sprouts prioritizes safety through supervision, clear boundaries, instructions, first-aid preparedness, and trained staff. I understand that while risks are minimized, injuries may still occur.

### **3. Health & Medical Authorization**

I certify that my child is physically able to participate outdoors and will inform Sprouts of relevant needs. I authorize staff to administer basic first aid, contact emergency services, and notify guardians as needed.

### **4. Release of Liability**

I release and hold harmless Sprouts Nature School and its staff from claims arising from participation in outdoor programming, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

### **5. Cleanliness and Bathroom Use**

Children will wash hands before eating, after bathroom use, and after messy activities. Hand sanitizer may be used when needed. Bathroom options may include restrooms, portable toilets, or supported nature toileting. Staff encourage independence while assisting safely as appropriate.

### **6. Behavior Expectations**

Unsafe or harmful behavior may result in temporary suspension or removal if safety is impacted. Refer to the Sprouts Behavior Guidelines Policy for further details.

### **7. Agreement & Consent**

Participation in Sprouts programs indicates full acceptance of this Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk.

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