Sprouts Nature School - Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. This document affects your legal rights. By signing it, you give up the right to sue Sprouts Nature School for injuries caused by its ordinary negligence.

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.

This Waiver applies to all Sprouts classes, camps, field trips, and related activities my child takes part in during the session or school year for which I am registering, at any location Sprouts uses (together, “Programs”). In this Waiver, “I” means the parent or legal guardian signing below, and “my child” means the participant named on this registration form.

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, climbing on trees, rocks, and logs; falling branches; ticks and the illnesses they can carry; stinging insects; poison ivy and other irritating plants; allergic reactions; sun exposure; heat related and cold related illness, including hypothermia and frostbite; drowning or near drowning during water play; cuts and burns; contact with other children; a child becoming separated from the group; and minor injuries such as falls or scrapes. These risks can also cause serious injuries, including broken bones, illness, permanent disability, or in rare cases death. Because Programs take place in natural areas, emergency medical help may take longer to arrive than in an indoor or urban setting. I knowingly and voluntarily accept these risks for my child and myself.

2. Safety Practices

Sprouts prioritizes safety through supervision, clear boundaries, instructions, first-aid preparedness, and trained staff. I understand that while Sprouts takes reasonable steps to reduce risks, risks cannot be eliminated and injuries may still occur. I agree to talk with my child about following staff instructions and staying within group boundaries, and to send my child dressed for the weather with any items Sprouts requests, such as water, layers, and sturdy footwear.

3. Health & Medical Authorization

I certify that my child is physically able to participate outdoors and will inform Sprouts of relevant needs in writing, including allergies, medications, medical conditions, and any changes during the Program. I authorize staff to administer basic first aid, contact emergency services, and notify guardians as needed. If staff believe my child needs medical care beyond basic first aid and I cannot

be reached right away, I authorize Sprouts to arrange emergency medical treatment and transportation by emergency medical services. I understand that Sprouts staff are not medical professionals, and that I am responsible for any costs of my child's medical care or transportation.

4. Release of Liability

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE

On behalf of myself, my child, and our legal representatives, I release Sprouts Nature School and its owners, staff, volunteers, and agents (the "Released Parties") from claims for bodily injury, illness, death, or property damage **caused by the ordinary negligence of the Released Parties** in connection with my child's participation in Sprouts Nature School programs.

This release does not apply to reckless or intentional misconduct, or to any claim that cannot legally be waived under Wisconsin law.

I understand that by selecting "I agree" for this Waiver, I am giving up legal rights that I or my child might otherwise have to bring claims based on the ordinary negligence of the Released Parties.

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 a temporary pause or dismissal if safety is impacted. Refer to the Sprouts Behavior Guidelines & Policies for further details. I agree to pick up my child, or arrange for an authorized adult to do so, as soon as possible if staff request it for safety, behavior, or illness.

7. Agreement & Consent

Participation in Sprouts programs indicates full acceptance of this Waiver of Liability & Assumption of Risk. I have read this Waiver, I understand it, and I had the opportunity to ask questions before signing. I understand that enrolling my child is voluntary and that I am signing freely. I am the parent or legal guardian of the child named on this registration form and have the authority to sign this Waiver.

8. Governing Law and Severability

This Waiver is governed by Wisconsin law. If any part of it is found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts will stay in full effect.

9. Electronic Signature

By selecting "I agree" on the registration form, I confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian described above and intend my selection to serve as my electronic signature.

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