

# High Country Forest Wild, LLC.

# Participant Agreement Form

*Please take time to read this form with your child and discuss its content*

High Country Forest Wild, LLC., is a nature-based outdoor experiential program located in the beautiful mountains of Watauga County. We specialize in teaching through experience. Our subjects include a myriad of outdoor living skills, Appalachian history, natural & earth sciences, team building and outdoor adventures. These activities, because of their nature, hold certain inherent risks. Some examples of these risks are: insect bites, twisted ankles, getting rained on, and injuries associated with physical exertion, poison ivy, abrasions and cuts. Because of our strong belief in experiential education, we will be immersed in our learning activities and possibly subjected to these inherent risks. We recognize nature as an incredible teacher, classroom, and playground waiting to be explored and deserving of the utmost respect. However, it is important to recognize that no one can control nature, and we may find ourselves in situations where we are wet, hot, cold or uncomfortable. We embrace these situations as learning opportunities and will navigate them as safely as possible in our supportive and knowledgeable community. At Forest Wild we believe that the best learning takes place when we push the limits of our “comfort zone.” This means that we sometimes intentionally design experiences that place our participants in situations where they need to push themselves - and each other - in safe, supportive ways to successfully grasp the full lesson of the learning opportunity.

We uphold our mission: to encourage curiosity and exploration in an all-outdoors environment with supported risk-taking and emphasis on life skills. In order to effectively enact our mission and provide high quality educational experiences for every participant, we all must agree on certain guidelines:

- ❖ We must respect each other, our personal gear and our space. We are here to support each other and to grow, so act accordingly. Treat each other, living things, and the land with care. **Listen to our staff and follow their directions; most of what they say is for your education, comfort and safety.**
- ❖ Please leave your candy, toys, computer games, and other electronic devices at home. This is a time to “unplug!”
- ❖ There is absolutely no tolerance for illegal drugs, alcohol, or physical, verbal, or sexual abuse toward anyone.

If we all agree to follow these few, simple guidelines, it will make for an experience that will be fun for all, safe for all, and educational for all.

As a participant of programs with High Country Forest Wild, I have read this form and understand the nature of this program. Furthermore, while participating in programs with High Country Forest Wild, I agree to adhere to the three simple guidelines outlined above in order to create the safest and most effective learning atmosphere for myself and all other participants.

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Participant’s name (print)

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Participant’s signature - and date

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Signature of participant’s legal guardian - and date