

Participant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please review and ensure understanding of the following statements along with your child(ren). Both you and your child(ren) must initial each statement certifying that you understand and agree to the program policies, expectations, and COVID-19 regulations for OAK (Outdoor Adventure Kids) ecoEXPLORE Class.

**If not received by August 25, 2020, your registration spot will be forfeited.**

**General Understandings**

**Guardian and Child Initials**

I understand that this program's activities will center around the Arboretum's citizen science program ecoEXPLORE. I must come to the first session already registered for ecoEXPLORE with my account's username and password written down for the instructors to use. Create a free account at ecoexplore.net.	
I understand that I will spend the majority of this program exploring nature while taking and uploading photos with a provided iPod. I will also be completing weekly science themed challenges to earn ecoEXPLORE badges and field tools.	
I understand that some days will be challenging but that each experience is designed to be both educational and meaningful.	
I understand that I will be expected to participate fully, follow instructions, be responsible for myself and the wellbeing of the class.	
I understand that on a typical day I will spend up to four hours outside.	
I understand that I will sometimes be around poison ivy; stinging and biting insects; venomous snakes; black bears, and other wildlife.	
I understand that this program takes place entirely outdoors with the exception of intermittent, indoor bathroom breaks (limited to 15 minutes or less).	
I understand that I will not always have quick access to an indoor bathroom and running water but may have access to portable toilets.	
I understand that I will sometimes be getting dirty and/or wet for extended periods of time outside.	
I understand that I will sometimes be outside for up to four hours in the rain or snow. We will do our best to have a fire or outdoor heater at each of our Outdoor Classroom sites.	
I understand that I will spend up to four hours outside in temperatures that may reach as high as the 90s or be as low as the 20s.	
I understand that programs will include a range of kids as young as 6 and as old as 9. As such, there will be an emphasis on respect, curiosity, observation, and taking turns as well as opportunities for all individuals to learn from each other.	
I understand that not everyone sees the world the same way that I do; it's OK to disagree, but I will do so with respect and curiosity.	
I understand that if I am one of the older children in class, I will be patient with my younger classmates and do my best to help when I am able.	
I understand that if I am one of the younger children in class, I will not always be able to do what my older classmates are doing with the same skill (yet!).	
I understand that on some days of class, I will be asked to hike up to three miles. I understand that hiking may take place both on and off trails, on uneven terrain, and may include bushwhacking.	

I understand that although there will not be an opportunity for lunch, we will offer multiple breaks for snack.	
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**COVID-19 Expectations**

**Guardian and Child Initials**

I have read the "The North Carolina Arboretum's Education Delivery Procedures Regarding COVID-19" and understand and agree to follow the regulations outlined in the provided PDF.	
<b>I understand that I will need to wear my mask most of the time.</b> We will provide opportunities for children to not wear masks at appropriate, designated times where social distancing is possible. These instances include snack and water breaks as well as safely socially distanced activities.	
I understand that I will need to stay in my designated spot during some mask off times until the time is declared over by the instructor and my mask is back on.	
I understand that I will be asked to remain 6 feet from my instructors and other participants as much as possible including while on the trails, during snack and water breaks, and free play (exceptions made for siblings).	
I understand that if I become sick during the program, I (along with any siblings) will need to be picked up immediately preferably by someone not identified as high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 (Info about those identified as high risk can be found at CDC or NCDHHS).	
I understand that OAK programs may be cancelled or suspended for two weeks at a time during the course of the program as COVID-19 is a changing situation. Along with that, our practices/policies may change as new information about the virus becomes available.	
I understand that if we have to suspend programming at any time there may be an option to participate in remote learning activities and refunds would not be issued.	
I understand that if I travel overnight out of state that it is preferred I not to participate in programming for two weeks. If I travel in an airplane I may not participate in programming for two weeks (or sooner if you receive a negative Covid-19 test) after return. I understand that I will not be issued a refund.	
I understand that it is preferred that participants and their families avoid dining indoors at restaurants, going to indoor gyms and traveling out of state to minimize risk.	
I understand that I should be actively monitoring for health and symptoms at home and not attend OAK programming at TNCA if I, or anyone in my immediate family has symptoms/signs of illness or have been in contact with someone who is confirmed or suspected as having COVID-19.	
I understand that for these health and safety measures to be effective it will require commitment and diligence from our participants, their families and Arboretum staff. Participants who, in our judgement, do not comply with these expectations may be removed from the program and not receive a refund.	

Family Agreement due by **August 25, 2020**  
 Please scan and email to:  
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 Or mail to:  
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_____	Guardian Signature	_____	Date
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