

## Wildwood Nature Academy Release Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies:

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Non-Food Allergies:

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## **Acknowledgement of Risk**

I understand that the program primarily takes place outdoors in on a farm and in forest, field and wetland terrain that can be rocky and swampy and near large and small bodies of water. I understand that at times during the program my child will be in an area away from our facilities. The following potentially dangerous activities, as well as others not mentioned, may be undertaken: log/tree climbing, vernal pool traversing, camping, canoeing, building natural shelters, hiking, kayaking, wading in knee high water, cooking, fire building, and use of tools. In addition, the participant may encounter mosquito bites, insect stings, ticks, snake bites, and other outdoor hazards. These activities and events can cause personal injury, property damage, illness or death. I further acknowledge that the child listed above is qualified, in good health, in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. I further agree and warrant that if at any time, I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation of the child in the activity.

## **Permission to Secure Medical Treatment (in Case of Emergency)**

In the event of any emergency, I authorize the Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio to secure from any licensed hospital, physician and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for me or my minor child/ward's immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered. I understand that this authorization includes transporting my child by ambulance, if necessary, to the nearest medical treatment facility if I am unable to be reached first.

## **Authorization to Pick Up Student**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Photography and Video Release**

I give permission for my child's likeness (in photo or video) to be used in advertisements for the Wildwood Nature Academy.

## **Assumption of Liability**

Wildwood Nature Academy encourages children to play with others while at the Academy, but we will not tolerate any behaviors that are hurtful or harmful. Wildwood Nature Academy asks that all kids participating in the program behave in a manner that encourages positive responses from the staff and all other kids present.

Positive behavior includes: listening to staff and other kids, following instructions, playing during free time in a way that is respectful to everyone.

The following behaviors will not be tolerated: bullying of any kind, inappropriate language, hitting, punching, kicking, pinching, using any body part or any object to cause physical harm.

If a child behaves in a manner that is hurtful or harmful to anyone the following consequences may be used:

1. Verbal conversation by one or more of the staff (Parents may not be notified)
2. Time out from an activity (Parents may not be notified)
3. Parent/Guardian may be called to come pick up the child early
4. The child will not be allowed to return for a certain amount of time/days
5. The child may not be allowed to return at all.

Please note: ANY physical harm will be an immediate call to parent/guardian and the child will be removed from the Nature Academy for the day. If physical harm happens a 2nd time, the child will be removed from the Nature Academy for the remainder of the Session. If the child is allowed to return, and physical harm again occurs, the child will be removed from all programs of Wildwood Nature Academy indefinitely.

## **Assumption of Liability**

In recognition of the potential dangers, I, and/or my spouse, children, my heirs and assigned, do hereby release Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio, board members, agents, volunteers, program participants and anyone else acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Wildwood Nature Academy") from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of every kind and nature whatsoever, and specifically including any claim for negligence or negligent acts, arising from my child's participation in a Wildwood Nature Academy program or activity. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Wildwood Nature Academy and its agents for all defense costs, including my attorney's fees and any other costs resulting in connection with my child's participation.

Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

I also AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio from any loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees that EK Studio's farm may incur due to my participation in said activities, whether caused by Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio's farm ordinary negligence or otherwise, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

IN SIGNING THIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I fully understand its terms and conditions. I understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio for injuries resulting from the inherent risks of agricultural or agritourism activities or the active or passive negligence of Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio. I further acknowledge that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability, including that due to ordinary negligence by Wildwood Nature Academy/EK Studio to the greatest extent allowed by the laws of Georgia.

## **Parent's Signature**

I have read and fully understand the above paragraphs in this document.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist for Class

- \_\_\_\_ Child MUST be treated with tick/mosquito repellent before they are dropped off.
- \_\_\_\_ Proper footwear (no open-toed shoes or sandals)
- \_\_\_\_ Proper weather gear (raincoat, warm/cool clothes)
- \_\_\_\_ Water bottle
- \_\_\_\_ Optional Natural snack (apples, grapes, etc). <optional> No plastic packaged snack or nut based snack allowed.
- \_\_\_\_ Pocket knife (for whittling)
- \_\_\_\_ Backpack for supplies
- \_\_\_\_ Towel in case child gets wet
- \_\_\_\_ Yoga mat for seating
- \_\_\_\_ Please keep long hair tied back

Other:

\*We DO meet in the rain. Please wear appropriate wet weather gear. We will NOT meet during thunderstorms. We will add on a week at the end if we are stormed out.

\*If your child shows signs of illness, please keep him/her at home. We will contact parents immediately for pick up should we deem the child unfit for class.

\*Parents are invited to participate week 6 for each session. Please dress accordingly.

\*Please check the Facebook group twice a day for messages from staff.

\*Cell phones are not allowed for students. Please enter the following numbers in your phone:

- Kerstin Liberty (director) 678-983-3875
  - Emily Knapp (farm owner) 404-444-7937
- Contact one of us in case of emergency. Texts are more easily answered.