



School Field Trip Information & Disclaimer

Hi Students & Guardians/Parents/Social Workers/Teachers,

We're excited to welcome you to a Wild Mind Field Trip with Environmental Youth Alliance ("EYA")!

This note is an important document to read and understand as it provides information to prepare for your field trip. **If you have any questions or require more information, please get in touch at info@eya.ca and 604-689-4446.**

Environmental Youth Alliance

EYA is an East Vancouver-based environmental non-profit organization that provides land-based education programs and environmental job training programs for youth facing barriers and local schools. Learn more at www.eya.ca

Wild Mind Field Trip

Students will be participating in a 90-120 minute field trip where they will engage in land-based learning. The activities will generally include: A welcome circle and introductory discussion, a scavenger hunt or exploration activity in the garden, a facilitated educational lesson, and a hands-on activity (e.g. propagating plants, removing invasive species, creating eco-art). These programs are typically led by one EYA staff member and one EYA volunteer.

Strathcona Community Gardens

The field trip will take place at the Strathcona Community Gardens (759 Malkin Ave). It is a 1.4 hectare community-run greenspace in East Vancouver with a native plant teaching garden, greenhouse and native plant nursery, plant medicine gardens, rewilding areas, and solar-powered eco-classroom. Transportation to and from the field trip is the responsibility of the school and does not involve EYA.

Student Responsibility

To help make this a fun and safe day, students are responsible for the following:

- Wear clothes and footwear appropriate to the weather (closed toed footwear only - NO flip flops, sandals, Crocs);
- Bring any essential items required when outside of the home (e.g., water bottle, sunscreen, medication if required); and
- Be respectful to staff and volunteers' instructions and rules, otherwise Students may be asked to sit out or leave.

EYA's Responsibility

This field trip takes place in public greenspaces. The EYA team will make every reasonable effort to establish that:

1. Participants are adequately supervised.
2. The location(s) where the programs or activities take place meet applicable health and safety standards.
3. Any equipment or tools made available or used in the activities have been inspected and are appropriate, safe and well maintained.

Inherent Risks & Potential Hazards

The activities that EYA leads have possible inherent risks as they take place in public greenspaces. EYA makes every reasonable effort possible to reduce or eliminate those risks, but the fact remains that they still exist.

The following are a summary of possible inherent risks related to:

- Physical exertion from participation in activities, tool use, and exposure to outdoor elements;
- Environmental hazards, from the weather to contact with a variety of hazardous plants, insects and wildlife;
- Encounters with members of the public in shared and open-access spaces; and
- Medical assistance and aid may not be immediately available.

Teachers, chaperones, and any participants 19+: Please review and sign the enclosed Waiver form if you agree to participate in EYA's Wild Mind Field Trip.

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We look forward to welcoming you to an EYA Wild Mind Field Trip!