

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARADIANS
CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK FORM
Please Read Carefully

ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOCIETY (“EYA”)

A. Information

Youth’s Legal Name (“Youth”):

Youth’s Preferred Name:

My Youth will be given the opportunity to participate in various volunteer programs related to gardening, environmental restoration, landscaping, and nature activities (the “EYA Activities”) in parks, wildlife habitat, garden sites, and other green spaces at locations throughout Vancouver.

Program:

Date(s): _____, 20____ to _____, 20____, *or as rescheduled or extended by EYA*

Location(s):

EYA Staff and the Program Leader will make every reasonable effort to ensure that:

- a) The Youths who undertake the program or activities will be adequately supervised.
- b) The location(s) where the activity will take place is appropriate for the recreational and educational objectives as intended.
- c) The location(s) and/or facilities where the program or activities take place (the “Sites”) meet applicable health and safety standards.
- d) Any equipment or tools made available or used in EYA Activities has been inspected and is deemed to be appropriate, safe and well maintained.

B. Parent/Guardian Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk

- 1. I fully understand that the EYA Activities are inherently dangerous and that participating in them carries risks of bodily injury and further there is a risk that my/our personal property can be stolen or damaged through no fault of the EYA.

Potential risks, dangers, and hazards may include, but are not limited to:

Accidents which occur during transportation to and from the location of activity; falls, trips, slips, and loss of balance or control, particularly on slippery or unstable terrain; still and moving water; cold water immersion; drowning; limited visibility; variable, severe or rapidly changing weather with little or no warning including storms, high winds, rain, or snow; electrical storms and lightning; heat stroke and/or heat exhaustion; dehydration; hyperthermia; hypothermia; frostbite; sunburn; fatigue and overexertion; inadequate, inappropriate, improperly prepared, adjusted, or attached equipment; equipment failure, malfunction or loss; improper use of tools or equipment; loss or damage to personal property; piercings, cuts and scrapes from sharp objects including equipment, rocks, sticks, thorns, and other plant life; fires and burns; encounters with domestic or wild animals; animal bites; bug stings and bites, including those from bees, wasps, and ticks; allergic reactions to animals, bugs, or plants; hidden or exposed objects on the ground or in the soil including used drug paraphernalia, needles and condoms, rocks and roots; muscle strains and sprains from lifting or carrying materials or equipment; failure to act safely or within one’s ability; becoming lost, going off route or becoming separated from one’s party; impact or collision with other people or objects; an individual’s own actions or those of others; and encounters with others in the area who may be experiencing mental health challenges, be violent, or are using substances; and infectious and communicable pathogens and disease, contracted through viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi, which may be transmitted through direct or indirect contact with the environment or the negligence of other persons.

Communication, including cellular reception, in the areas where EYA Activities occur may not be reliable or available, and it may be difficult or impossible to communicate with the outside from within such areas, and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be readily available or available.

Medical assistance, aside from emergency first aid, may not be readily available

2. I acknowledge that it is the responsibility of my Youth and myself to ensure that my youth will arrive at the activity location safely and on time. I further acknowledge that, once the EYA Activities have finished, it is the responsibility of my Youth and myself to ensure my youth is provided with a safe and timely way to get home that is acceptable to me.
3. I am satisfied that I have been informed of my right to obtain as much information about this program or activity as I feel necessary, including information beyond that information provided to me by this form and EYA staff to the extent that I require it. I am not, in any way, relying solely upon information provided by this form or EYA staff respecting the nature and extent of the risks and hazards associated with the program or activity.
4. I freely and voluntarily assume the risks and hazards inherent in the nature of the program or activity and understand and acknowledge that my Youth, as a participant, may suffer personal and potentially serious injury or death due to an accidental or unforeseen event.
5. My Youth has been informed that they are to abide by the rules and regulations including directions and instructions from the relevant land agency imposed on the minors while participating in the program or activities and they have so agreed. This shall include their participation in all the introductory sessions and the meeting of all prerequisites prior to their participation in the activity or program.
6. In the event that my Youth fails to abide by the rules and regulations imposed on the participants while participating in the program or activities, disciplinary action may either require that they not participate in the program or activity, or that I will be contacted to have them picked up, unless I have permitted my Youth to pursue alternate means of transportation, as appropriate.
7. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to advise the EYA staff of any medical or health concerns of my Youth, which may affect their participation in the stated program or activity.
8. I consent that EYA staff may secure such medical advice and services as that individual, in their sole discretion, may deem necessary for my Youth's health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such advice and services.
9. I understand that there is no provision for accidental death, dismemberment, disability or medical expense insurance on behalf of my Youth or other participants in this activity.
10. I have considered the risks, dangers, hazards, and consequences inherent in the EYA Activities, as well as my Youth's inherent characteristics, health, and abilities. Based on my understanding and these considerations, I agree that my Youth has my permission to participate in the EYA Activity under the supervision of EYA staff.
11. I freely and voluntarily acknowledge and accept the risks, dangers, and hazards that are inherent in the nature of the EYA Activities and understand and acknowledge that my Youth could potentially suffer serious injury or death due to an accidental or unforeseen event.
12. I have, to the best of my ability, discussed with my Youth the content of this Acknowledgement and I believe that they understand it and agree to be bound by it.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

I consent to EYA taking pictures and videos of my youth while participating in EYA Activities, and EYA may modify and use that material in any way including public promotion of EYA, its programs, and its activities. I give permission for EYA to use that material in social media posts, email newsletters, on the EYA website, in reports, brochures, posters, and in public presentations.

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No