

## NATURE WALK PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM

Town & Country Nursery School believes in exposing our children to nature and educating them about the natural world. In addition to our playground activities, our teachers lead classroom walks onto the parkland trails that surround our playground to allow them to discover and acquaint them with the plants and natural specimens near us. The flora and fauna that are found and observed are incorporated into our curriculum. This experience establishes a concrete learning experience which helps to provide a beginning understanding and respect for the natural world around us. No special clothing is required for these walks.

Due to our low child to adult ratios, our staff always immediately attends to children's toileting needs, whether they are in classrooms or outdoors playing. There may be a time when we are on our nature walks away from campus, in the case of an emergency we will allow a child to toilet in nature to prevent an accident.

For your child to be taken on these nature walks, we need parental permission. Please indicate your preference below with a check on the appropriate line and return to our office:

I give permission for my child to go on short nature walks on trails adjacent to Town & Country Nursery School and consent to the release terms sent forth below.

My child has no known allergies or medical conditions.

My child has the following known allergies or medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

I DO NOT give permission for my child to go on short nature hikes on trails adjacent to Town & Country Nursery School

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Aware of the risks of injury and allergic reactions to outdoor activities and the nature walks noted above, and having approved my child's participation in the nature walks, I on behalf of myself, my family, my child and any of our heirs, estates, executors, administrators or assigns (the releasing party/parties) hereby release, waive, discharge and relinquish any and all claims or causes of action for damages or injuries as a result of, arising out of or in any manner relating to my child's participation in such walks and further agree that under no circumstance will any such releasing party/parties present or assert any claim (by way of suit, arbitration or other method) for personal injury, bodily injury, property damage or wrongful death against Town and Country Nursery School, Inc. or any of its Board, officers, employees, agents, servants or contractors (the released parties) arising out of, resulting from or in any manner relating to my child's participation in such walks. The releasing party/parties further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the released parties from any and all such claims. This waiver and release does not apply to claims relating to or arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any released party/parties.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[sign here only if granting permission]