



**FGS FIELD SCHOOL
FIELD SCIENCE CLASSES**

Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

FGS Field School: Forest Grove School (the “School”) has created a program, FGS Field School, to educate others about science and metacognition (learning how to learn) by organizing experiential field science classes involving trips to, hikes in, and other interactions including lab experiments and demonstrations with the wilderness, urban environments, and other places where one can experience and learn about the natural world (the “Activities”) on private and public lands and at other locations.

Waiver: In consideration of being permitted to visit or participate in any way in the Activities, including transportation to, from, and amongst the Activities, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the School, its officers, employees, and agents from liability from any and all claims including the negligence of the School, its officers, employees, and agents, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, visitation or participation in any way in the Activities, including transportation to, from, and amongst the Activities.

Assumption of Risks: Visitation or participation carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from 1) emotional distress such as anxiety and fear of the dark to 2) environmental hazards such as poison oak, quicksand, and strong smells to 3) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, sprains, and rashes to 4) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, broken bones, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions to 5) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in visitation or participation. I hereby assert that my visitation or participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD the School, its officers, employees, and agents HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney’s fees brought as a result of my involvement in visitation or participation in the Activities and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of California and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Signature of Participant	Date	Print Name of Participant	Date
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Participant's Age (if minor): _____

Signature of Minor's Parent/Guardian _____