

**Parent/Guardian Field Studies Consent Form
for Outdoor and Higher Risk Activities:
September - December 2023
OUTDOOR FIELD STUDIES**

To the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of: _____ Grade/Division: 8/9/10

The purpose of this form is to inform you about proposed field studies involving your child, and to seek your support and permission for your child to participate. Field studies are part of the school program and they provide students with valuable learning experiences. However, should you not wish your child to participate in these activities; school staff will assign the student other learning activities.

This is an important document. Please review the contents of this Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form and the attached Field Studies letter carefully prior to providing permission for your child to participate in these excursions. Clarify any questions or concerns with the Lead Teacher BEFORE signing it.

If this form is not signed and returned to the, your child WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND FIELD STUDIES.

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY INFORMATION

DESTINATIONS/ACTIVITIES: We will be taking your child on field studies, primarily hiking in the following locations: Mt. Seymour Provincial Park, Cypress Provincial Park, Minnekhada Regional Park, Buntzen Lake, Indian Arm Provincial Park, Stanley Park, Cypress provincial Park, Lighthouse Park, Pinecone Burke Provincial Park, Belcarra Regional Park and various public trails.

DATE(S): Please see attached list of locations and dates. These field studies can also be found online at www.streetfront.ca under *Program Calendar*. (September – December 2023)

SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN: Outdoor Education/Leadership, hiking, and promotion of physical and mental health.

PURPOSE OR EDUCATIONAL GOAL(S): Physical Education, Natural Science, Leadership, Outdoor Education

METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION: VSB School Bus, staff vehicles, and/or Community Centre vehicles

EDUCATOR-in-CHARGE: Trevor Stokes, Gord Howey, Barry Skillin

COST TO THE STUDENT: \$0

WHAT TO BRING: Dress appropriately for wet and cool conditions. Streetfront has much of the appropriate gear (boots, jackets, insulation, water bottles) we require and discuss and expect students to carry a minimum amount of essential gear.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS: Students are to always comply with Streetfront Alternative's and Vancouver School Board expectations.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

The board will make every reasonable effort to ensure or ascertain that:

- a. The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
- b. The students are adequately supervised over all aspects of the program/activity.
- c. The location(s) used are appropriate and safe for the activity(ies) and group.
- d. A Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks. This includes additional health protocol the addressing COVID-19 pandemic. An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or illness to any of the students.

POTENTIAL KNOWN RISKS AND SPECIAL SAFETY INFORMATION

- Injuries related to vehicle crashes en route to and from activity area
- Becoming lost or separated from the group or the group becoming split up
- Injuries related to slips, and falls
- Injuries related to collisions with movable or immovable objects
- Injuries related to equipment malfunction or becoming tangled in apparatus
- Hypothermia due to insufficient clothing
- Psychological injury due to anxiety or embarrassment
- Physical altercations with classmates or public
- Allergic reactions to natural substance
- Viral exposure (ex. COVID-19)
- other risks normally associate with participation in the activity and environment

CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Destination/Activity/Program: We will be taking your child on field studies, primarily hiking in the following locations: Mt. Seymour Provincial Park, Cypress Provincial Park, Minnekhada Regional Park, Buntzen Lake, Indian Arm Provincial Park, Stanley Park, Cypress provincial Park, Lighthouse Park, Pinecone Burke Provincial Park, Belcarra Regional Park and various public trails.

Dates: See attached (September – December 2023)

While school staff will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in these activities and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in these activities, you are agreeing that the activity described above is suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with these activities.

- My child has been informed that he/she is to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require his/her exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have him/her picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements.
- I acknowledge that the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.

I, _____ (Name of parent/guardian) give permission for (Name of student)

_____ to participate in the field study described above. I understand that my child may be exposed to a risk of injury due to accident while participating in this activity.

Date: _____ Name (Please print): _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Numbers: Day _____ Evening _____

Comments (please include any restrictions or limitations which would prevent your child from fully participating in this trip, or any other special concerns which Board staff should be aware of surrounding your child.

NOTE: Efforts to minimize costs have been made to support student participation. In accordance with Board policy JN *Students Fees, Fines and Hardship* no student shall be denied an opportunity to participate in an activity because of an inability to pay fees. Please contact the teacher or Principal if you have questions or concerns regarding the amounts listed above.