



Parent Permission

(For children participating in the Osborn Elementary Education Program)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are excited to let you know that your child is coming to visit SSU's Fairfield Osborn Preserve on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain, just east of Sonoma State University. The 450-acre Preserve includes an amazing diversity of plant and animal life: oak woodlands, grasslands, reptiles and amphibians, and over 150 different species of aquatic insect. Under the direction of one of the Preserve's trained volunteer naturalists, your child will investigate natural habitats, discover interesting creatures, and learn more about ecosystem processes and interconnections.

On the day of the field trip:

- Children must wear long pants and sturdy old shoes with good tread for hiking, and dress in layers. Raincoats (or large trash bags) are required for late Fall and early Spring trips.
- Children must bring plenty of drinking water and a simple lunch. Candy, gum, and soft drinks are not permitted.
- Pack water, lunch and extra clothes in a small day pack for easy transport.

After the fieldtrip:

- Check your child closely for ticks, especially on the scalp, and remove with fine tweezers. Though Lyme disease is of very limited concern here at the Preserve, it is a good idea to do a thorough check.
- Encourage your child to share stories about their experiences at the Preserve.
- Bring your family for a naturalist-led weekend hike. We offer guided walks on Saturdays in the Fall and Spring. Please visit www.sonoma.edu/preserves for more information.

Please complete the attached form, and return it to your child's teacher. No child may participate without it.



****FOR MINORS****

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO PAY CLAIMS

Activity: Visiting or participating in any way in any activity at any of the Activity Locations

Activity Locations: Galbreath Wildlands Preserve, Fairfield Osborn Preserve, Los Guillicos Preserve

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs and representatives, **I release from all liability and promise not to sue** the State of California, the Trustees of The California State University, Sonoma State University and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively "University") from any and all claims, **including claims of the University's negligence**, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). **Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.**

I agree to **hold** the University **harmless** from any and all claims, including attorney's fees or damage to my personal property, that may occur as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. If the University incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant. **I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability on my and the Participant's behalf, (b) promising not to sue on my and the Participant's behalf, (c) and assuming all risks of the Participant's participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.** I allow Participant to participate in this Activity. I understand that I am responsible for the obligations and acts of Participant as described in this document. I agree to be bound by the terms of this document.

I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Minor Participant's Name: _____

Name of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian (print): _____

Signature of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian: _____ Email _____

Date: _____