

BLUESTONE NATURE PLAYSCHOOL FAMILY AGREEMENT

Benefits of Outdoor Play I We love that our child will participate in an immersive, 90-100% outdoor learning program! We encourage them to explore nature in all seasons and habitats, including in or near water, ice, snow, and mud. We welcome the benefits of children taking risks and encourage messy, active, whole-body play!

Handbook & Waiver I We will read and abide by all outlined policies and sign all required waivers to participate.

Program Calendar I We will review the calendar and make note of important dates, special events, and days off.

Family Involvement I Where possible, we will attend special events to play, explore, and learn in nature with our child as part of the Bluestone community.

Gear I We will provide essential gear to ensure our child gets the most out of their time spent outdoors. This includes all gear outlined in the family handbook.

Arrival I My child will use the bathroom and wash hands before drop-off. I understand that as a caregiver I must sign in and if I arrive more than 30 minutes after the start of class, I may have to call Emily and hike to another location to find the class. My child will come prepared with a backpack, full water bottle, and snack (we strongly recommend whole fruit, vegetable, or grain) each day. My child will come dressed for immersive outdoor learning, no matter the weather. If my child is not appropriately dressed for the weather, I understand they may not attend. I will notify staff who are happy to help us get gear if it is needed to remove this barrier to attend.

Pick-Up I I will promptly pick-up my child at the end of class. If they must go home with another adult, I will provide a written note stating permission in advance and that adult will be required to show ID. I understand that after three late arrivals (more than 5 minutes after pick-up) I will be charged \$5/minute for every following late arrival.

Safety I I will provide accurate information about my child's health (allergies, medical conditions, medications, etc.) and make sure that teachers have accurate, up-to-date information in case of an emergency.

Illness I We are a community and we don't want any staff, children, or families to get sick! We will keep our child home if they are ill with a fever, rash, contagious illness, or other discomfort that prevents full participation in rigorous outdoor play. If they become ill at Nature School, we understand that Emily will call home for immediate pick-up.

Foraging I Our child has permission to taste wild edibles such as wood sorrel, berries, violets, mint leaves, etc. and other plants used for making herbal teas, wild salads, and wild treats under the careful supervision of Bluestone Mentors. We acknowledge that our children may be able to confidently identify some wild edibles at home, but as our child's caregiver, we will create our own family rules about foraging at home.

Tools and Fire-making I We encourage our child to use real tools and participate in campfire activities and/or fire-making under the careful supervision of Bluestone staff.

Respect I We will work together to cultivate trust, respect, gratitude, and friendship in our community. We will always show respect to each other, the Bluestone community, and the land we explore.

We are the parents/guardians of the child below and we agree to the policies set forth here.

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CHILD'S NAME (PRINTED)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (PRINTED) SIGNATURE DATE

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