

## CHAPERONE EXPECTATIONS & RELEASE

Thank you for participating as a chaperone for an Audubon Academic Program with Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill. You are a critical part of the learning process. Your participation and engagement is critical in maintaining order, keeping the program on time and helping our staff provide your group with a great, memorable and educational experience. We ask that all chaperones comply with the following guidelines:

- Chaperones may be parents or relatives of a participating student who are 18 years or older. Teachers and other school staff may also be chaperones.
- Do not bring other children or siblings. Our center is open and free to the general public Tuesday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please come back and explore with your family at a later time.
- This field trip is nature based and includes outdoor activities, including hiking. Please dress appropriately and for the weather. Close-toed shoes are required. Please do not wear sandals.
- The primary responsibility of a chaperone is the safety of students. Be aware of your surroundings and the students in your proximity, especially when on hiking trails.
- Our staff and volunteer docents will defer to teachers and chaperones to assist with discipline and keeping order. Chaperones are expected to provide general guidance and direction concerning mature behavior for the duration of the group's time on the premises.
- Chaperones are role models. Please bring a positive attitude. Studies show that connecting children to nature has many positive impacts, both inside and outside the classroom. Please allow the students the opportunity to make those connections. To learn more about these positive impacts, please refer to <https://goo.gl/RSJTEr> and <https://goo.gl/aV51uV>.
- Our learning environments are to be kept free of cell phones and personal electronic devices. This applies to students, teachers and chaperones. If a situation arises that requires use of a cell phone, please exit the learning environment and return once the situation is handled. **Please note that we require a minimum adult to student ratio of 1:10 at all times, not including Audubon staff or volunteers.**
- Chaperones and students are expected to be respectful of the premises, nature, staff and volunteers. Do not litter. Please recycle. Please treat all living creatures and objects with respect.
- Be available for emergencies concerning students.
- Act as an escort when required. Students should not leave a supervised area without an escort.
- Stay with your group unless otherwise directed.
- If we have more chaperones than necessary, you may be asked to wait outside of a classroom or stay at the back of any hiking portion of the program. We appreciate your enthusiasm but, unfortunately, have limited space and our priority is to give students a great experience.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY & USE OF IMAGE

In consideration of my participation, I state and agree as follows:

- I agree and understand that recordings, which may include my image, appearance, voice, name and/or biographical material ("My Likeness") may be made and/or produced. I hereby give National Audubon Society, Inc. ("Audubon") permission to use, reproduce, duplicate, broadcast and distribute My Likeness, in any and all media, including but not limited to the Internet, whether now known or hereafter devised, in perpetuity. I agree that I have no claim for compensation, that My Likeness may be used in commercial or advertising materials by Audubon only, that My Likeness may be edited at Audubon's sole discretion, and that I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version.
- I understand that my participation in the Program may involve sustained strenuous physical activity. I am in good health and am aware of no physical problem or condition that will limit or interfere with my ability to participate in the Program.
- I agree that I am participating in the Program at my own risk, and acknowledge that Audubon has made no warranty or representation, expressed or implied, regarding the safety of conducting the Program.
- I expressly release and hold harmless Audubon, its officers, directors, employees, agents, licensees, successors and assigns from and for any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever for (i) libel, defamation, invasion of privacy or right of publicity arising from Audubon's use or alteration of My Likeness (or any part thereof); or (ii) any loss, damage or injury to person or to property suffered or incurred by me in connection with the Program or any aspect of it, including, but not limited to, any transportation arranged by, paid for or provided by Audubon.
- This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read and understand this form and that the statements I have made are all true.

Your signature below indicates your agreement and understanding of the Chaperone Expectations and Release of Liability & Use of Image.

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Chaperone's Signature

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Print Name

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Date