

# VOLUNTEER WAIVER!

## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

It's time for Winter Wonder 2018-2019

On \_\_\_\_\_ you will join your child's class, teacher, and a Wildsight educator in a winter adventure to learn about the natural world. Winter Wonder is a special winter ecology field trip program for children in Kindergarten through grade 3.

The program teaches students about nature in ways they'll remember: with fun, hands-on activities. They explore the special adaptations of animals and plants to cope with the snowy season, and examine snow crystals. This all takes place within the schoolyard or within a short walk from the school. All trips are hosted by Wildsight's professional educators – teachers, biologists and ecologists – who have many years experience and training. Kids love Winter Wonder! They get to play games and enjoy healthy active living and exciting, real world learning.

## FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

Please come prepared to spend half of the day outside. Remember, winter weather can be very unpredictable. We recommend:

- ✓ **snow pants**
- ✓ **water resistant snow mitts**
- ✓ **warm winter coat**
- ✓ **warm hat**
- ✓ **warm winter boots**

## SIGN AND RETURN – WAIVER BELOW

In order to volunteer on a Winter Wonder field trip, parents or guardians must sign and return the waiver on the bottom of this form. Thank you for your cooperation.

## FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.WILDSIGHT.CA](http://WWW.WILDSIGHT.CA)

Please review and sign the waiver below (required) and the optional photo release overleaf, then clip and return:

Note: Wildsight is obliged to obtain signed waiver forms for all volunteers taking part in Wildsight activities. The Winter Wonder field trip will take place in a natural area a short walk or within the schoolyard. The risks of the trip are the same as for any walk outdoors in winter.

## WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY and ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

**WARNING:** By signing this, you also give up the right to sue for any injury or damages

Wildsight means the regional society and its five branches, Creston Valley, Elk Valley, Golden, Invermere and Kimberley/Cranbrook, and its officers, directors, members, employees, contractors, agents and any person acting on their behalf.

In consideration of Wildsight accepting the application for my child to be permitted to take part in a Wildsight Classroom with Outdoors field trip, I agree to this release from liability, waiver of all claims and agreement not to sue. In addition, I also agree to assume the dangers and risks of activities in a field trip setting.

I also agree for myself, my heirs, my executors, administrators and assignees to forever discharge and release Wildsight for any personal injury, death, property damage or loss sustained by me as a result of my child's participation in the Wildsight activity due to any cause whatsoever, including, without limitation, negligence on the part of Wildsight.

I am aware that in addition to the usual dangers and risks inherent in field trip activities, certain additional dangers and risks are possible, some of which include:

1. TERRAIN – viewing and hiking areas may have hidden obstacles and hazards including but not limited to fallen trees, lakes, creeks or other water bodies, rocks and boulders, uneven ground, holes and depressions, and varying and difficult conditions;
2. WEATHER – weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly without warning;
3. WILDLIFE – there is always the possibility of an encounter with domestic or wild animals, biting insects, or hazardous plants.

I further acknowledge and agree that I am to supply for my child such footwear, outerwear, nourishment, water, medications, medical and such other supplies as I may deem fit, taking into account varying weather conditions and terrain that may be encountered on such an activity.

I accept all the dangers and risks and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting while my child is participating in a Wildsight activity. I agree not to sue Wildsight on account of any circumstance whatsoever arising from my child's participation in the Classroom With Outdoors field trip. In signing this waiver as the guardian of a minor, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Wildsight from and against all costs, claims and liabilities of any nature and kind whatsoever arising from the participation of such minor in any activity of Wildsight. In entering into this agreement I am not relying on any oral, written or visual representation or statements made by Wildsight including those in its advertising or brochures, to induce me to go on the Wildsight activity.

Trip Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Using ink, provide your name, an emergency telephone number, your signature and the signature of a witness.

Name of Volunteer	Emergency Phone Number	Signature of Volunteer	Witness Signature

