



## Safety protocols-policies

It is the parents responsibility to familiarize themselves with all protocols and policies.

\*The term “parent” is loosely used to designate any adult acting as the main caregiver-legal guardian.

\*The term “child” is used to designate any youth that is attending the activity.

- No child is permitted to wander on their own, at any time. The group moves together at all times and remains on main walking paths always within reach and sight of the instructor. No running is permitted. We move at a slow pace at all times.

- A buddy system will be enforced amongst the children : this is a procedure in which two children operate together as a single unit so that they are able to monitor and help each other out.

- Pick up and drop off of children is closely monitored and no child will be left unattended at any time. Only parents are permitted to pick up children, or anyone who has been authorized by said parents. If a child wishes to leave the activity earlier for any reason, the parent will be notified at once. The group will go to the designated pick up location together. The activity will resume as planned once the child has safely left the premises. Please expect a window of 15 minutes after the activity has ended to retrieve your child.

- Parents and emergency contact information will be kept handy at all times by the instructor. Parents should ensure they are easily reachable during the course of the activity.

- The instructor carries a first aid kit to assist in case of an emergency and some basic supplies. No food will be offered to the children without full understanding and disclosure of any possible allergies and/or intolerances.
  
- Children are responsible for their gear, including cameras and personal belongings. The instructor will reinforce this idea at regular intervals.
  
- Children should come to the activity appropriately dressed, wearing appropriate footwear and carry a small backpack with water, a lunch and extra clothing to face changes in the weather.
  
- Children should have a physical and emotional disposition to spend up to 4 hours outdoors. Any condition that could pose a threat to the child's well being or safety should be disclosed to the instructor.
  
- The activity takes places in rain or shine and will only be postponed in case of severe weather that is deemed unsuitable for the well being of the children.
  
- - It is mandatory that the release form/waiver of liability be fully filled in, signed and handed to the instructor upon arrival on the first scheduled session. Failure to do so will result in the child not being permitted to attend the activity. No reimbursement-refund-credit will be issued if this situation should arise. Printed copies will be available on the first session should the parent forget their copy or be unable to provide a printed copy themselves.