



## Hiking Permission Slip

Song Sparrow Playgarden is dedicated to providing a safe environment in which children may learn and grow. We will not transport children unless it is an emergency. As you are aware from your tour and interview here at Song Sparrow Playgarden we believe in assisting the children in experiencing and making a connection to nature. This also means providing opportunities for appropriate risk. Your child will be playing with sticks and climbing on logs. We will have hiking days periodically in Briones Regional Park, located behind Song Sparrow Playgarden. We will learn which plants are edible and which are for our eyes. Parents are asked to drop children off at Alhambra Creek Staging area where they will also be picked up. Licensing regulation states that the ratio of teachers to students for any outings must be 1 to 6. On our hike days, I will ask one parent to join us.

We will spend time in the playgarden and as we climb, crawl, explore or fall, the children can get scrapes and bumps. It can also mean the children get more tired until they have built up strong lungs and bodies. Briones has poison oak, ticks and bees. It is possible that your child may unintentionally be exposed to any of these risks . All children in our care will be closely supervised at all times to ensure that their play and work are as safe as possible.

**Indemnification** Our curriculum, both in and out of the classroom, does have acceptable risks that are developmentally appropriate for the young child. Such as walking and hiking, climbing on rocks, playing with sticks and stones in a safe manner, climbing on the tree fort and on climbing equipment in the playroom, using tools to cut vegetables, cloth or paper , using tools to dig , garden, saw and hand-drill accidental exposure to poison oak or bees, etc.

My Child \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

May attend the hiking day in Briones and play in the Playgarden. They may be outside much of the day and will have access to drinking water . We understand that these and similar activities described above are a part of the curriculum and agree that we will hold harmless Song Sparrow Playgarden, and its employees should any injury occur to our child in the normal course of these curricular activities.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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