



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

## NATURAL AREAS

### COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM LIABILITY WAIVER YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

I represent and warrant to the Chicago Park District and The Nature Conservancy that I and/or my minor child are sufficiently physically fit and/or skilled to participate in the volunteer event at:

Event date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_

I will only participate in any event and activity for which I am physically and psychologically prepared and/or my minor child/ward will only participate in those events and activities for which I believe that my minor child/ward is physically and psychologically prepared. I understand that in Illinois, a "minor" is a child less than 18 years of age.

As a volunteer to the Chicago Park District, I expressly assume the risk and legal liability arising from my participation and/or that of my minor child/ward in this regard. I waive and release all claims for injuries, damages or loss which I and/or my minor child/ward may sustain as a result of my participation as a volunteer to the Chicago Park District. I agree to defend, hold harmless and indemnify The Nature Conservancy and its employees, officers and agents, and the Chicago Park District, its commissioners, officials, officers, employees, other volunteers or agents as to any claim that I and/or my minor child/ward, or anyone on my and/or my minor child/ward's behalf, may seek to assert arising from volunteer participation with the Chicago Park District. I relinquish, fully release and forever discharge the Chicago Park District, its commissioners, officers, agents and employees as well as The Nature Conservancy and its employees, officers and agents, from any and all claims that I, my minor child/ward, or any representative on behalf of my minor child's/ward's behalf, may have or that may accrue or arise out of my child's/ward's participation in the program.

**COVID-19 warning and disclaimer:** COVID-19 is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in Chicago Park District programs or accessing Chicago Park District facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. The Chicago Park District in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in Chicago Park District programs or accessing Chicago Park District facilities. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The Chicago Park District strongly recommends that you consult with your healthcare provider prior to coming into a Chicago Park District facility, attending a facility-based program, or registering your child/dependent for a Chicago Park District program or camp.

I understand that this Waiver and Release does not create any actual or apparent agency, partnership, franchise, or relationship of employer and employee between the Chicago Park District and me and or my minor child/ward. I will neither make, nor represent that I and/or my minor child/ward is an employee of the Chicago Park District. I further understand that I and/or my minor child/ward shall not be entitled to participate in any of the Chicago Park District benefits, including without limitation any health or retirement plans. The Chicago Park District shall not be liable for taxes, Worker's Compensation, unemployment insurance, employers' liability, employer's FICA, social security, withholding tax, or other taxes or withholding for or on behalf of me and/or my minor child/ward.



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**Photo release:** I acknowledge that the Chicago Park District, along with The Nature Conservancy, may use my and/or my minor child/ward's likeness, voice and words in television, radio, newspaper, magazine and other media advertisements to advertise or communicate the purposes and activities of the Chicago Park District and The Nature Conservancy's programs and activities and in appealing for funds to support such programs and activities. I agree to waive any claim to compensation for use of said photos.

In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize and give my consent to the Chicago Park District and its employees, coaches and/or volunteers to secure from any accredited hospital, clinic, and/or physician any treatment deemed necessary for my child's immediate care. I agree that I shall remain responsible for any and all expenses incurred for such emergency medical care and treatment.

I hereby give permission for me/my child to participate as a volunteer, including activities such as picking up litter, spreading mulch, invasive plant removal and other stewardship-related activities. I fully assume all responsibility for injuries they or I may receive or articles lost while participating in these activities, and hereby release the Chicago Park District and its employees, along with The Nature Conservancy from liability for any injury I or my child may sustain.

I declare that I have exercised my own judgment in signing this waiver and consent, and I further declare that my decision to sign this waiver and consent was voluntary and not based on or influenced by any representation of the Chicago Park District or The Nature Conservancy.

Participant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service (start date) \_\_\_\_\_ (end date) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Telephone/Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_