



## The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo Field Trip RELEASE



Dear Parent/Guardian:

On \_\_\_\_\_, your child is scheduled to take a school field trip to **The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo**, a 1200 acre wildlands reserve near San Juan Capistrano. Your child can participate only if you complete, sign and return this waiver to your child's teacher by \_\_\_\_\_.

On the day of the field trip, please make sure your child (and you, if you will also attend):

- ✓ Wear sturdy walking shoes (NO sandals!)
- ✓ Wear long pants with at least one pocket (see next item)
- ✓ Bring a SMALL snack that fits in a pocket
- ✓ Carry a water bottle with child's name on it
- ✓ Highly recommended: sunscreen, hat (& sweatshirt if weather is cool)
  
- ✓ Teachers or parents authorized to administer medication should carry—for the duration of the field trip—medication kits for children with allergies or conditions treated with prescription drugs.

Our field trips offer your child an opportunity to engage in exciting, educational, hands-on activities, closely supervised by trained staff, in natural areas. Since inception of our program in 1998, we have compiled an excellent safety record. Nonetheless, because risks are inherently associated with natural areas, signing this document is a condition for program participation and entering onto property (The "Site") owned by *Rancho Mission Viejo* and related entities, listed under section #4 below.

1. I/We acknowledge that entering onto the Site may involve hazards. I/We hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned herein who might otherwise be liable to me/us or my/our heirs or assigns for damages. The dangers that participants may encounter include, by way of example only and without limitation: mountain lions, rattlesnakes, poison oak, ticks, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, rugged terrain, wild animals, slippery rocks, cliffs, cactus spines, bees, harsh and quickly changing weather conditions, and stinging nettles.
2. I/We realize that there is a risk of becoming seriously ill or injured in an area remote from medical care and that availability of emergency medical services or emergency transportation to medical facilities cannot be guaranteed.
3. Should my child/I be injured, *The Reserve* has permission to secure on-the-spot medical treatment and/or call an ambulance if needed. Parent/guardian will be responsible for payment of medical services rendered.
4. Participants will be properly instructed in the use of any equipment used in the nature hike or other activity (the "Activity"). I/We realize that participation in the Activity may require sustained strenuous physical activity. I/We certify that participants listed on this release are in good health, without any physical or medical condition I/We are aware of which might endanger listed participants or others in the Activity.
5. Being fully aware of any risks, and in consideration for being given permission to enter upon the Site, and acting on behalf of myself/ourselves and my/our heirs, personal representatives, executors and assigns, I/we release **The Richard & Donna O'Neill Conservancy, Rancho Mission Viejo LLC, The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo, The Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust**, and the various RMV related entities and any of their affiliates, successors-in-interest and their respective officers, directors, employees, attorneys and agents ("**Releasees**") from liability for any and all claims for damages or death, personal injury or property damage arising from or in any way related to participation in the Activity or during travel to or from the Site, whether or not arising from the negligence of the Releasees. This Release includes all claims which I/we may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me/us or my/our heirs as a result of being on the Site, including any claims whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, future or contingent. I/We agree that the foregoing is a general release and extends to all claims.



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6. I/We shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit or other proceeding against the Releasees arising out of or related to the actions, causes of actions, claims and demands hereby waived, released or discharged by me/us. This release shall be binding upon myself and my spouse, legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

7. I/We expressly agree that no warranty or representation of any kind whatsoever has been given regarding the condition of the Site or any facilities or equipment thereon or any means of transportation to and from the Site, and agree, furthermore, that Releasees shall not be liable for any alleged negligence pertaining thereto.

8. I/We hereby grant permission to the *Richard & Donna O'Neill Conservancy, The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo, and The Rancho Mission Viejo Land Trust* for the purpose of publicizing educational programs or any other lawful purpose, to use the photographic likeness of listed participants in publications—including websites, magazines, newspapers, exhibits, and educational publications—without payment, royalties, the right to approve the finished product, or any other consideration. (Participants will not be identified by name.) Inform your teacher if you do not want your child included. Releasees are not responsible for videos/photos taken by teachers, students or others.

I/We have carefully read this Release and fully understand all of its contents and legal effect, and sign it of my/our own free will.

Name of Student	School	District
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has permission to attend a Field Trip Program on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
Date\*

*\*Field trips are occasionally rescheduled; permission remains valid for 4 months from date listed.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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Signature of Adult Field Trip Participant	Date
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Daytime telephone number(s) where you can be reached:

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\_\_\_ Check here if you are teacher. Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical or other problems of which Field Trip Program staff should be aware:

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If you have questions or concerns, email [staff@theconservancy.org](mailto:staff@theconservancy.org), visit [www.theconservancy.org](http://www.theconservancy.org), or call us at (949) 489-9778.

We look forward to sharing a fun and educational day on our Reserve with your child, his or her classmates, teachers and other field trip participants.