



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Canadian Ecology Centre (CEC) is a non-profit outdoor and environmental education facility located in Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park. We are proud to share this beautiful landscape with guests from all over Canada, along with our message of conserving and protecting our natural environment. We are open year-round, offering day and overnight educational programs as well as accommodations/meeting spaces for events.

In order to create a positive and safe experience for all participants, it is important that your child is aware of the CEC's Zero-Tolerance Policy. Any student who does not follow this policy may be sent home at the cost of the student/school.

The CEC has a Zero-Tolerance Policy for:

- Smoking, alcohol, or recreational drug use by students
- Cannabis use by anyone on CEC property
- Dangerous weapons or threats of violence
- Physical, mental or verbal assault or abuse (including bullying)
- Theft or borrowing personal property without consent
- Vandalism of CEC or park property

We also expect students to respect the following CEC rules:

- 1) Students must wear appropriate closed toed footwear in order to participate in CEC programs.
- 2) Students must immediately inform Staff (CEC or School Staff) of any accident, incident, or illness that occurs.
- 3) Students must follow the Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park rules, including being respectful of fellow visitors and the park environment (e.g. do not disturb, harm, or remove the park's plants or animals).
- 4) Students must adhere to the site boundaries as directed by the CEC Staff (explained during on-site orientation).
- 5) Students may not enter other students' cabins at any time other than their own assigned cabin.
- 6) Students may not bring any nut products with them to the CEC, as many students attending our facility have life-threatening allergies to nuts and nut products

We look forward to your meeting your child at the Canadian Ecology Centre! Thank you for being a part of this memorable and educational experience!

Sincerely,

Laura Kielpinski (Director of Operations & Education)
Bill Steer (General Manager and Founder)

I have read, understood, and agree that my child will follow the CEC Zero-Tolerance Policy and CEC Rules during their visit. I have also read and understood the CEC's Assumption of Risk (on the back of this page).

I have notified the school of any dietary needs/allergies/medical conditions/injuries that may affect my child's ability to participate in activities at the CEC. I understand that the school will pass on any pertinent medical information to the CEC in order to ensure my child's safe participation and to allow CEC staff to respond appropriately to medical situations in the event of injury or illness. I understand that my child's personal information will be shared with emergency services or other medical staff if required.

I understand that the CEC is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items.

School: _____ Trip Date: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Student name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Student signature: _____



Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk

The safety and well-being of each participant in our educational programs is of paramount importance to the staff at the Canadian Ecology Centre. It is also an important reminder to you as a parent, guardian and/or participant of the inherent risks of participation and of the participant's responsibility to follow all CEC policies/procedures, codes of conduct and safety instructions while visiting the Canadian Ecology Centre.

The educational activity programs that are being offered involve certain elements of risk. Being informed of possible risks, providing relevant and applicable medical information to your school and following CEC safety policies and rules will help to reduce or eliminate the chance of injury or illness while participating in CEC programs.

I acknowledge and am aware that:

- Educational activity programs that are being offered involve certain elements of risk including and during the current time of COVID 19.
- Accidents may occur while participating in these activities. By choosing to participate in the activity, I am assuming the risk of an accident occurring.
- I/we confirm that I am aware, understand and agree to allow my child to participate in the programs offered by the Canadian Ecology Centre given that the risk(s) of contracting COVID-19 cannot be completely eliminated.
- I/we confirm that I am aware, understand and agree to follow all current regulations, guidelines in order to help stop and/or prevent the spread of COVID 19 and am aware that new rules, regulations and/or guidelines may be added at any time under the direction of local health and/or government authorities.

I acknowledge and am aware that:

- I. Some aspects of the program may be physically and mentally demanding.
- II. Participation in the program may bring me into contact with known or unknown allergens.
- III. Participation in the program may bring me into contact with various weather and environmental conditions and hazards.
- IV. It is my responsibility to inform myself of the potential risks and injuries that I could encounter as a result of my participation in the program.
- V. During the duration of the program, I will be traveling on-site and within Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park (via foot travel on trails/roads) as well as possibly biking on paved/gravel roads and/or canoeing (if requested as an activity option by the school).
- VI. I may be traveling in areas that are considered to be in a wilderness setting where medical assistance may not be readily available and I assume the consequences of care given in this environment by qualified CEC staff.
- VII. It is my responsibility to carry medical insurance and/or a valid Provincial Health Insurance number. I understand that I will be responsible for all costs and expenses in the event of an illness, disease, injury or other mishap or incident, including medical transport.
- VIII. I have and will inform my school supervisors of any injury, illness, disease or other medical condition and/or symptoms prior to, on arrival to, and during the program (relevant and applicable medical information may/will be shared with CEC staff for the purpose of providing a safe and positive experience for your child)
- IX. Transportation to medical professionals will be provided by the CEC or your school as necessary in the case of injury, illness, mishap or accident throughout the duration of the program.
- X. The Canadian Ecology Centre will administer any first aid treatment as required, and in the event of a life-threatening allergic reaction, injection of epinephrine and a non-prescription dose of oral anti-histamine.
- XI. I am aware that photographs and videos may be taken of me by the Canadian Ecology Centre and other participants. This material may be used by the Canadian Ecology Centre for purposes to be presented in digital slideshows, presentations, websites and other promotional materials. I understand that no participant names will be identified on promotional materials. I will notify my school and/or the Canadian Ecology Centre in writing (email or letter addressed to the Director of Education) if I do not consent to the above in section XI.

I confirm that I am in good physical and mental health and able to safely participate in the CEC programs. I acknowledge that if I fail to adhere to or abide by the rules, directives and guidelines of the Canadian Ecology Centre I may be removed from further participation or dismissal from the program and will not be entitled to any reimbursement of monies paid.

Please feel free to contact The Canadian Ecology Centre at any time with any questions, concerns or clarifications regarding any of the above or other information required.

For all communication, please contact Laura Kielpinski (Director of Education) at laura@canadianecology.ca or 1-888-747-7577 x 0.