

Singing Nettle Forest Stewards (SNFS)

Acknowledgement, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement

List Names of Your Child/Children: 20 ____

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

(each child listed above is hereinafter referred to as “my/our child(ren)”))

I/we give consent and permission for my/our child(ren) to attend and participate in the Singing Nettle Forest Stewards (SNFS) learning programs for the **2026-2027 session year/period** listed on my/our child(ren)’s enrollment form. By initialing each line below, I/we acknowledge/affirm and agree to each statement made herein. **Note: Both parent(s)/guardian(s) need to initial each statement and sign last page.**

____ / ____ (initial): I/we have been informed by Singing Nettle Forest Stewards and its Director, Christine Shoemaker, that the forest stewards learning program for the 2026-2027 session year/period is operated by and under direction of the organization known as “Singing Nettle Forest Stewards”. I/we also have been informed that Singing Nettle Forest Stewards is: (a) organized as a not-for-profit organization (non-profit) under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c) (3), (b) assigned federal/employer ID number #99-3871768, (c) exempt from federal income tax and (c) also registered as a Minnesota nonprofit corporation with the Minnesota Secretary of State offices. A copy of the current federal tax exemption letter issued to Singing Nettle Forest Stewards from the US Treasury/IRS is available upon request by contacting SNFS or its Director by email at thistlebearhoneyherbsllc@gmail.com or by US Mail addressed to Singing Nettle Forest Stewards, 843 Howard St N, St. Paul, MN, 55119. A copy of the current federal tax exemption letter is also posted at SNFS’ learning site located at 6922-55th St. North, Suite C, Oakdale, MN 55128. You can obtain information about the registration as a Minnesota nonprofit corporation from the Minnesota Secretary of State’s official website online tool for business look-up/search.

____ / ____ (initial): I/we have reviewed, completed, and returned a signed original of each of the following forms: (a) 206-2026-2027 SNFS Policies and SNFS Policies Agreement Form, (b) SNFS Field Trip & Travel Release Form, and (c) SNFS Photo/Name/Contact Info Release Form.

____ / ____ (initial): I/we have completed, submitted, filed, registered and/or recorded the necessary paperwork to register and document, with all applicable federal/state/local agencies and government bodies, that my school-age child(ren) listed above are “home schooled” or “home schoolers” or, as applicable, “online students” in accordance with applicable city, township, county, and state requirements for their place of residency and my/our family’s place of residency. I/we acknowledge and agree that it is my/our responsibility - and not Singing Nettle Forest Stewards nor its Director and Learning Guides responsibility - to make and file all necessary registrations and paperwork required for schooling of my/our children with all applicable agencies and government bodies.

____ / ____ (initial): I/we agree to make full payment to Singing Nettle Forest Stewards for tuition fees, supplies/materials and field trips/travel costs by the applicable due date(s), as more fully stated in the Singing Nettle Forest Stewards Enrollment Form’s Addendum for Tuition/Fees, and as applicable, SNFS Materials/Supplies Fees Form and SNFS Field Trip & Travel Release Form. I/we acknowledge and agree to the cancellation policy and refund policy as stated in SNFS 2026-2027 Policies and SNFS Policies Agreement Form.

____ / ____ (initial): I/we acknowledge and agree that attendance at and participation in forest learning programs and specifically, the forest steward learning program operated by and through Singing Nettle Forest Stewards involves

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inherent risks - both known and unknown – including, but not limited to, risk of personal injury, harm, accidents, dismemberment, illness, disease, and the possibility of death. I/we acknowledge that this learning program is conducted in group/classroom settings with close proximity to others, and is also conducted outdoors in the presence of any and all of the following: wildlife; outdoor climate/weather conditions, including the potential for rain, storms, hail, thunder/lightning, wind, and snow; natural/nature-based settings and landforms such as trees, tree roots, mud/dirt, ponds, streams and plants, flowers, bushes, mushrooms, fungus, spores, paved/unpaved landscapes, paths, trails, roadways and parks as well as public space and privately owned space. I/we acknowledge and agree that my/our child(ren) and family members may be exposed to the foregoing risks and other unknown risks while enrolled and participating in or attending/visiting Singing Nettle Forest Stewards learning programs and events.

___ / ___ (initial): On behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my child(ren), my heirs, my estate, my executor, my trustees and administrators, and my beneficiaries, I/we agree to hold harmless, release from liability, indemnify and forever discharge Singing Nettle Forest Stewards and its officers, directors, learning guides, agents, chaperones, guest instructors/guides, and volunteers from all liability, claims and demands (including claims of negligence, and future or unknown claims and demands), costs, expense, causes of action, loss, damage, injury, disease, illness, including death, that relate to or arise or could arise directly or indirectly from attending/visiting, enrolling, and participating in Singing Nettle Forest Stewards and its forest stewards learning programs and events.

___ / ___ (initial): I/we give consent and permission to Singing Nettle Forest Stewards, its directors and learning guides, and any adult chaperone(s) and volunteers assigned to my/our child(ren) for field trips and associated activity that my/our child(ren) and family members attend to provide transportation in personal vehicles or other modes of transportation/travel (such as by walking, pull wagon, Uber, taxi, Lyft, bus, train, boat etc.) to, from, before, during, and after such field trip and associated activity including, but not limited to, seek and administer first-aid or emergency medical care for my/our child(ren) and family, as they deem appropriate, advisable or necessary, in connection with transportation/travel to, from, before, during and after such field trip and associated activity. I/we authorize and give consent to Singing Nettle Forest Stewards Director, Christine Shoemaker, and its learning guides, agents, adult chaperones and volunteers, and field trip site personnel to seek and administer first-aid and emergency medical care for and to my/our child(ren) and family members in attendance as they deem appropriate, advisable, or necessary. I/we acknowledge and agree that I am/we are liable for all costs and expenses associated with such first-aid and emergency medical care for my/our child(ren) and family members in attendance including, but not limited to, any emergency transportation by ambulance or air transport, regardless of coverage or non-coverage under automobile insurance, general or specific liability insurance or medical health insurance.

I/we acknowledge and agree that I/we have read the entirety of this Acknowledgement, Release & Hold Harmless Agreement and understand its terms and conditions. By signing below, I/we acknowledge and agree that I am/we are legally authorized to sign this form and are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of my/our child(ren).

_____, _____
Print Name: Parent or Legal Guardian (circle which applies), and Add Your Signature

___/___/20___
Date

_____, _____
Print Name: Parent or Legal Guardian (circle which applies), and Add Your Signature

___/___/20___
Date