



DESERT
BOTANICAL
garden

Care Giver Agreement & Releases 2013-14

Please complete the following forms and either mail in or bring with you on the first day of class.

Our Philosophy:

The Seedlings Preschool Program at the Desert Botanical Garden is a place where children and adults come together to discover the wonders of the Sonoran desert. Seedlings is based upon the curious, observant, and inquisitive nature of preschoolers and aims to provide opportunities for preschoolers to learn about the natural world using their senses alongside their caregiver. Our ultimate goal is that Seedlings participants will begin to develop a strong sense of place and connection to their local environment and will see themselves as stewards of their desert home.

What you can expect from us:

- A safe and nurturing environment where children and adults can learn about the desert together in a fun, interactive way.
- Knowledgeable and caring teaching staff and volunteers.
- An “open door policy” where participants can feel comfortable to provide feedback and suggestions about the program.

Our expectations (please initial next to each point):

_____ Participants will arrive up to 15 minutes (if you can) before class begins so that they have time to enjoy the Discovery Centers and so that class may start on schedule.

_____ All children and adults will follow class rules to: 1) Stay on the trail, 2) Only touch plants that the teacher says are OK, 3) Use our walking feet, 4) Eat snacks only in the classroom, and 5) Have fun!

_____ Adults (up to 2 per child) participate alongside their child throughout the program. Cell phones should be on silent and should not be used for texting, etc. during class.

_____ Adults are responsible for disciplining their own child and minimizing disturbances during the class. If a child is disrupting the class, the caregiver may be asked to remove the child until they are ready to be part of the group.

_____ We ask that you keep your child at home if 1) the illness will stop him/her from taking part in activities 2) the child needs more care than can be provided by his/her caregiver 3) the child might be contagious and could make other Seedlings sick. However, please keep in mind that the common cold is generally contagious before any symptoms occur and making a sick child stay home may not really prevent other children from getting sick.*

*Policies based on Arizona State Guidelines from American Academy of Pediatrics

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read and will abide by the above Caregiver Agreement for the Seedlings Preschool Program at the Desert Botanical Garden. Thank you for helping us create a fun and meaningful learning environment where everybody can enjoy the program!

Print Name

Signature

Child's Name

Date



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Photography Release for a Minor

I, _____, parent/legal guardian of _____, age _____, hereby give consent for the Desert Botanical Garden, Inc. (Garden) to photograph/videotape my child for educational/promotional purposes, with respect to the photographs taken of _____, or in which he/she may be included with others:

- a) To copyright the material in the Garden's name or any other name that the Garden may choose.
- b) To use, re-use, publish and re-publish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not limited to) illustrations, promotion, advertising, and trade.

This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of any assigns of the Garden as well as the person(s) by whom the photographs are taken, printed, or published.

I have read this release and fully understand its contents.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Waiver of Liability

I hereby unconditionally and irrevocably release, quit and forever discharge the Desert Botanical Garden and its successors, heirs, beneficiaries and assigns for, from and against any and all rights, claims, obligations, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, costs, expenses, damages, injuries, or other occurrences, including, without limitation, attorney's fees (collectively "Claims"), arising out of or resulting from (I) my use of Desert Botanical Garden's property or (II) the training courses and services to be provided by Desert Botanical Garden, whether the Claims arise from activities occurring at the Desert Botanical Garden or elsewhere. I shall indemnify, defend and hold Desert Botanical Garden harmless for, from and, against any and all Claims.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Printed Parent/Legal Guardian Name Date