

Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

JR. TRAIL GUIDES PROGRAM APPLICATION

Friends of the Desert Mountains believes that children are the keys to the future. For this reason, we are proud to provide this program which aims to connect children, ages 9 – 12, with their natural surroundings in a way that focuses on outdoor safety and illustrates why outdoor ethics and proactive conservation efforts are important. This innovative program familiarizes participants with this area’s plant and animals, as well as the geology, geography, and native culture.

APPLICATION (To be completed only by the child’s legal guardian)
(Please write legibly and provide all requested information)

Application Date: _____ Guardian Phone(s): _____
(Please list cell and/or other emergency contact numbers.)

Guardian Name: _____ Other Authorized Delegate* : _____
* For safety purposes, the participating child will only be released to parties with name(s) listed above (party must show government ID).

JR. TRAIL GUIDE CANDIDATE INFORMATION (Information on the participant)

Candidate Name: _____ Gender: M / F Age: _____
(Circle one)

Date of Birth: _____ T-Shirt: Kids L Kids XL Adult M Adult L
(Circle one)

Any allergies? Y N If yes, please list all allergies: _____
(Circle one)

Physician/Healthcare Provider (name, address, & phone): _____

Child’s Medical Insurance Coverage (name, phone, etc.) _____

Does your child have any *medical conditions* you feel we should be aware of? Y N
(Circle one)

If yes, please list them: _____

How would you recommend we work with this these conditions? _____

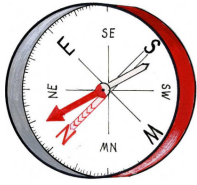
Does your child have any *physical limitations* you feel we should be aware of? Y N
(Circle one)

If yes, please list them: _____

How would you recommend we work with this these limitations? _____

Is there anything else you feel we should know? (Please explain) _____





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AGREEMENT

Friends of the Desert Mountains and the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument are proud to be able to provide this program to our community free of charge. However, we do ask that participants and their parents /guardians do their part by reading, understanding, and adhering to the following.

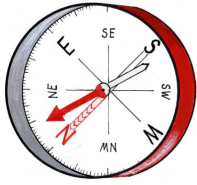
WHAT WE AGREE TO PROVIDE:

- Supervision, *from 12 noon until 4:00 pm*, by LiveScan certified staff and/or volunteers, each of whom is trained in First Aid & CPR.. NOTE: Our staff members/ volunteers are not specially trained to handle children with behavioral problems and/or emotional issues.
- Creative group instruction that focuses on natural science curriculum covering the plants, animals, geology, geography, outdoor ethics, outdoor safety, & cultural anthropology of our area.
- Fun and engaging indoor and outdoor activities, which include hiking, problem solving and group interaction.
- Training materials that are age appropriate aligned to relevant academic standards.
- Program materials and equipment for use, including backpack, binoculars, pencil, whistle, comb, microscope, pedometer, trail map, field guide, field folder, & tracking card.
- Bottled water & a trail mix bar at snack time. (All participants should eat a healthy meal and beverage before coming to the Visitor Center.)
- Upon successful completion of the program (i.e., after the participant takes the “Pre-Existing Knowledge Quiz, attends the initial 4-hour training session, turns in the completed Jr. Trail Guide Field Folder, passes the Certification Exam, and after the parent completes the Parent Outcomes Survey), each participant may receive the following:
 - Official “Jr. Trail Guides Program” t-shirt
 - “A Monument to Treasure” children’s book
 - Animal tracking card
 - “Leave No Trace” (outdoor ethics) card
 - Safety comb & whistle
 - Certificate of Program Completion
 - An opportunity to continue in the program (Saturday Morning Hikes) with parent

WHAT WE ASK OF THE JR. TRAIL GUIDE CANDIDATE (the participating youngster):

- Follow all instructions, the first time they are given.
- Have good manners.
- Maintain a good attitude.
- Ask questions.
- Be ready to learn and have fun.
- Do your best to complete all materials and earn your certification.





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WHAT WE ASK OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:

- **Take time to read, understand, and carefully complete all sections of this application packet.**
- **Take time to read, understand, and sign the Guardian Release and Indemnity Agreement.**
- On the morning of the initial 4-hour training session, ensure that the participating youngster is dressed appropriately (i.e., sturdy, closed-toed shoes, long pants, hat or baseball cap, sun protection, etc.).
- Just prior to the initial 4-hour training session, ensure that the participating youngster is properly nourished and hydrated (i.e., eats a nutritious and balanced meal, water, etc.)
- Please ensure that the participating youngster(s) arrives at the National Monument Visitor Center by **11:45 am** on the day of the initial 4-hour training session.
- When dropping your child off for his or her initial 4-hour training session, please take a moment to advise your child on the importance of having good manners and following instructions. Please understand and inform your child that behavior issues cannot be tolerated as safety is of prime importance and cannot be compromised by the distractions of dealing with behavior issues. **NOTE: Any child that jeopardizes safety by not following instructions will be removed from the program and will have to be picked-up, immediately, by his or her parent/guardian.**
- On the day of the initial 4-hour training session, do ensure that you remain immediately accessible by phone and consistently available so that you return to the National Monument Visitor Center and collect your child, without delay, if a problem should arise.
- On the day of the initial 4-hour training session, please ensure that the participating youngster is collected promptly from the National Monument Visitor Center (**by 4:15 pm**). **Important:** In the interest of safety, the participating child will be released only to parties whose names appear on this application (see page 1), and only after that person shows a government issued ID.
- **After the initial 4-hour training session, please provide your child with support & resources at home, so that he or she may complete the field folder (i.e., allow time, assist your child, check work and/or provide opportunities for internet research, etc.).**
- Once your child has completed the field folder, please call (760) 862-9984 to schedule a “Certification Appointment” with either Scott or Danielle so that your child may turn-in their completed field folder and take the Jr. Trail Guide Certification Exam.
- On the day of your child’s Certification Appointment, please do your best to arrive at the Visitor Center on time. While your child takes the Certification Exam, we ask that you take a few moments to complete the Parent Outcomes Survey.
- Please call as early as possible if you need to reschedule any Jr. Trail Guide Activity which your child is scheduled to attend (e.g., Initial 4-hour Training Session or Certification Appointment).

As a condition of my child being able to benefit from this free National Monument outdoor/naturalist education program, sponsored by Friends of the Desert Mountains, I agree to hold up my part of this bargain by doing what is requested of me (above).

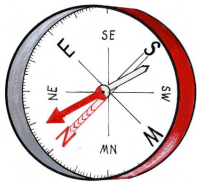
Signature of Jr. Trail Guide Candidate

Date

Signature of Participating Child’s Legal Guardian

Date





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RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO HAVE MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNIOR TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE(S) TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASE(S), WAIVE(S), DISCHARGE(S) AND COVENANT(S) NOT TO SUE FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS (“FOTDM”), ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND AGENTS (hereinafter referred to as “Releasees”) from any and all liability of any nature whatsoever to my child, his or her personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin and to the undersigned for any loss, damage, or claim on account of or relating to injury to the person or property of my child and/or the undersigned, however caused, even if caused in whole or in part by the action, inaction, or negligence of the Releasees or any other party while my child is participating in the Program or using any FOTDM’s facilities in connection with the Program.

2. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREE(S) TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, causes of action, charges, expenses, and attorney fees resulting from my child’s involvement in the Program however caused, even if caused in whole or in part by the action, inaction, or negligence of the Releasees or any other party.

3. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE to my child while he or she is participating in the Program or using any FOTDM’s facilities and equipment however caused, even if caused in whole or in part by the action, inaction, or negligence of the Releasees or any other party. The undersigned expressly agrees that the foregoing release and waiver, indemnity agreement and assumption of risk are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by California law.

I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing and that I am aware of the legal consequences of this agreement, including that it prevents me and my child or his or her personal representative from suing FOTDM or its employees, agents or officers if my child or I am injured or damaged for any reason (other than the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of Releasees) as a result of my child’s participation in the Program.

I hereby warrant that I am the legal guardian(s) or custodial parent(s) of the participant who is a minor, and agree, on my own and said minor's behalf to the terms and conditions of the foregoing agreement.

Printed name of program participant: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relation to minor: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Relation to minor: _____

