

2024 SERVICE PROJECTS CONSENT FORM

McKINLEY GROUP

A number of years ago we piloted a new program for our oldest group of campers that proved quite successful. The program was well received by all involved, and we decided to piggy-back on that program. We now offer a similar program to our McKinley Campers (10 and 11-year olds; entering 5th and 6th grade). Because your child has been placed in this group, it is our hope that you will consent for your child to participate in these Special Projects this summer. Participation in this program is not required or forced, although it is our hope that the children will want to participate and gain many valuable life skills from the project.

Our McKinley Group will be given time on Tuesdays and Thursdays to participate in this Special Project here at Valleybrook. The project they will be involved in is creating a garden on the property of Valleybrook. The children will be responsible for all stages of the garden, from planning, designing, digging, planting, weeding, watering, nurturing and maybe (hopefully) harvesting. Information on plants, growing seasons, capturing rain water, and farm-to-table concepts, etc. are some topics we will cover.

Because these projects involve getting dirty and the use of various tools, we need your attention and approval. Appropriate and old clothing and shoes should be worn or brought on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as sometimes campers will get muddy, dirty or stained. We recommend sturdy shoes or boots, bug repellent, work gloves and maybe even a long sleeve shirt. All marked with NAMES.

Campers will be supervised by their regular counselors, as well as an Administrator during the Special Project time. Although the campers will be versed on appropriate handling techniques of various garden tools and hand tools, you should speak to your child as well. (Children will not be using power tools.) Just to make you aware, there may be risks involved while using these tools. All work will be done under counselor supervision.

Children who do not want to participate or children's parents who do not want their child to participate are encouraged to bring a book, crossword puzzles or another non-electronic, quiet, individual activity to keep them occupied during this time. Although we highly encourage everyone to participate, we never force or insist that anyone engage in any particular activity, unless we are instructed otherwise.

Please read the following carefully. Your signature of consent is required for your child to participate. We hope you are as excited about this opportunity as we are!

I understand that my child will be participating in outdoor activities which may involve using tools such as sharp hoes, shovels, picks, and pruners. I further understand that supervision and safety precautions appropriate for the age group will be provided. I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in these activities.

NAME OF CHILD _____

GROUP - IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES DAY CAMP, McKINLEY GROUP

DATES OF ACTIVITY - JUNE 24, 2024 TO AUGUST 9, 2024

PLACE OF ACTIVITY - VALLEYBROOK COUNTRY CLUB

PARENT'S NAME (please print) _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____