



The Venture Free Foundation

2017- 2018 After School Program

Wednesdays - Charles Armstrong

Mission

Our mission at Venture Free is 'Empowering young people to foster a connection with the natural world in an environment that promotes healthy physical and mental development, leadership, and a lifelong appreciation for nature.'

What We Do

At the Venture Free Foundation, our programs are developed with the sole purpose of getting kids outside and active! We believe and have seen how continued exposure to the outdoor world can benefit children physically, mentally, and emotionally. This is why we work to provide activities that allow campers not only to form their own personal connections with the natural environment, but also create opportunities to practice improvising and problem-solving skills, both which are important products of spending time in the great outdoors!

We do what we can to keep our adventure groups small and we use many different activities and lessons to help engage the campers in their natural surroundings. Activities and lessons may include though are not limited to; hiking, swimming, tide-pooling, farm days, campfire making and safety, pocket knife safety, plant and animal identification, outdoor cooking, learning knots and lashings, fishing, shelter building, first-aid, etc.

Program Information

Program Schedule

This program operates on Wednesday afternoons. We pick up from Charles Armstrong at 1:00 pm, We return from our adventures at 5:00 pm to the parking lot at the Carlmont Shopping Center near Lunardis market.

Tuition

The cost of tuition is \$225 per month. If you would like to attend as a drop in, the rate is \$60 per day.

Tuition includes:

- Transportation to and from adventures
- Minimum day pick up (at no added cost)
- Afternoon snack/water/sunscreen
- Materials needed for activities
- Discount on camping trips

Transportation

Transportation is provided in our 13 passenger Adventure Van from a designated pick-up spot at school. The campers will be transported from school to our planned destination for the afternoon.

Campers will then be transported back to the parking lot at the Carlmont Shopping Center near Lunardis market, where you pick up your camper from our staff.

Snack

An afternoon snack will be provided at camp as well as additional water. Please note on the emergency form if your child has and food restrictions or allergies.

Minimum Days

We do follow minimum day schedules and will pick up campers at the minimum day release time.

Holidays

We do not operate on most school observed holidays. We may offer day camps on some school holidays.

Camping trips

We do offer weekend camping trips to the campers every few months! Details of each trip will be provided during the regular session. Camping trips have a maximum capacity and fill up on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost of weekend camping trips will be provided when the trip is offered.

****Campers who attend regularly and pay monthly tuition receive 60% discount off camping trip prices****

Additional Information

*Because we are outside and may get dirty, wet, and messy, it is recommended that you leave a change of clothes/extra shoes/ towel in a bag marked with your child's name with us to hold onto for the duration of the session.

*We do take advantage of early release days to venture a little further - on these days you can expect your child to spend additional time getting to and from the adventure.

* A full emergency kit is kept in our Adventure Van and is carried with us on our adventures.

*Please email info@venturefreefoundation.org to request a personalized drop off schedule.

*We offer a 10% discount for siblings attending the same program.

VFF Emergency Contact Form

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Parent name 1: _____ Parent name 2: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent 1 Cell phone: _____ work phone: _____

Parent 2 Cell phone: _____ work phone: _____

School Attending: _____

Grade: _____

Other Emergency Contacts and People Authorized to pick up my child:

1) Name: _____ Phone: _____

2) Name: _____ Phone: _____

3) Name: _____ Phone: _____

4) Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician to be called in case of Emergency

Name of Physician: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Provider: _____ Group#: _____

Allergies and/or medications:

In case of an emergency, I authorize Emily Phelps to take my child to the above physician or to the nearest hospital for emergency treatment and measures deemed necessary for the protection of my child at my expense.

Parent sign: _____

Date: _____

Please read the following and initial below.

I have read and understand the following:

_____ If your child is going to be absent, PLEASE let us know by 10 am, the day of their absence. You may email, call, or text - just please let us know. Thank you!

_____ Tuition is due at the beginning of every month.

_____ There will be a 10% late fee added to bills not paid by their due date. Late fees will continue to be incurred for every two weeks that a bill goes unpaid.

_____ For prorated tuition due to a planned absence, we must be notified one week in advance. If bill has already been paid, no refunds will be given. However, the following month's tuition will be prorated.

Photo Release Form

During camp with VFF, photos are taken that document your camper's experiences and adventures! Please initial the following statements concerning the use of your child's photo.

On a regular basis, photos taken at camp will be uploaded to the private VFF Flickr account. Please indicate if you agree to allow your child's picture to be uploaded to Flickr for your viewing ability.

_____ Yes, you may upload pictures of my child to the VFF Flickr account so I can see all of the wonderful experiences they are having at camp!

_____ No, I do not want to see my child's experiences. Please do not upload my child's picture to the VFF Flickr account.

At VFF, we like to advertise what we actually DO! This means we use pictures taken at camp for our promotional products, our website, and our social media accounts. Please indicate where you will allow us to use your child's picture to help us spread the word of getting kids outside!

_____ Yes, you may use my child's picture on any VFF promotional products. (pamphlets, etc)

_____ Yes, you may use my child's pictures on the Venture Free Foundation website.

_____ Yes, you may use my child's picture for posting on social media sites. (Facebook, etc.)

_____ No, please do not use my child's picture on any VFF promotional products.

_____ No, please do not use my child's picture on the VFF website.

_____ No, please do not use my child's picture on any VFF social media accounts.

Venture Free Foundation Outdoor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

ON BEHALF OF AND IN CONSIDERATION of _____ (the "Participant"), a minor, being permitted to participate in and utilize the services and programs of The Venture Free Foundation ("VFF") for any purpose, including, but not limited to participation in any off-site program affiliated with VFF, the undersigned, for himself or herself and such participating children and any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby acknowledges, agrees and represents as follows:

I fully understand that there are foreseeable and unforeseeable risks, hazards and dangers associated with the daily activities at VFF. I have discussed these risks with the Participant and the Participant has decided that he or she wishes to participate in the VFF activities despite the foreseeable and unforeseeable risks, hazards and dangers. Each day the children will be participating in activities that may result in serious injury or death. I understand that VFF programs are intended to provide rigorous outdoor experiences for the participants. I understand the children will be riding in a vehicle, which may be in an accident that could cause serious injury or death. I assume the risks and danger of injury, property damage, or death inherent in the daily activities, which include driving, during my child attending Venture Free. I understand that the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death.

I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND AM USING THE SERVICES OF VFF WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED AND I ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RISK OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEABLE OR UNFORESEEN. I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE RISKS MAY INCLUDE LOSS OF PROPERTY OR INJURY TO PERSON OR DEATH. IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A VFF ACTIVITY FOR ANY PURPOSE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNDERSIGNED, ON HIS OR HER BEHALF AND BEHALF OF SUCH CHILDREN, HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE VFF, its directors, officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter referred to as "releases") from all liability to the undersigned or such children and all his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while the undersigned or such children is in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment therein or participating in any program affiliated with VFF.
2. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releases and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned or such children in, upon or about VFF using any facilities or equipment of VFF or participating in any program affiliated with VFF whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.
3. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE to the undersigned or such children due to negligence of releases or in, about or upon the premises of VFF and/or while using the any facilities or equipment or otherwise while participating in any program affiliated with VFF.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of California and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

Parent/Guardian

Participant/Minor