

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR SCHOOL TRIPS****(For Students under 18 years of age)**

This form must be read and signed by every parent or guardian of a participating student. Failure to return this form will result in the student not being able to attend the activity.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: **The Canadian Ecology Centre - Summer School**

Student's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Business Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ /cell

Parents' e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Trip (activity and destination): **CEC on and off site field trips**

*The Canadian Ecology Centre School is arranging a variety of field trips on and off site throughout the credit course sessions. See end of document for sample field trips per grade. A finalized field trip plan will be sent to all families once all details have been confirmed.*

Pertinent Details: **See overview at end of document**

**ELEMENTS OF RISK:**

Educational activity programs, such as on an off site field trips involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in these activities. The following list includes, but is not limited to, examples of the types of injury which may result from participating in field trips:

1. Muscular/Skeletal injuries
2. Environmental (i.e. Bee stings)
3. bumps/scrapes/bruises

Means of Transportation: **School bus, Hiking, Canoeing**

Date(s) of Trip: July 2026 (Session #1 - June 28-July 10, 2026 and Session #2 - July 12-24, 2026) Time of Departure: **Dates/Times TBD**

Time of Return: **Dates/Times TBD**

Place of Departure/Return: **From/To the Canadian Ecology Centre**

Trip Contact Person(s) (available 24 hours) **CEC Admin. Staff Members**

Staff Supervisor(s) : **Classroom Teachers**

Cost of Participation: N/A

I have read the itinerary or details of the activity and I am familiar with the nature of the trip/ activity in which \_\_\_\_\_ will partake. He/she is physically and emotionally capable of participating in this activity and any special medication, if required has been identified in the Canadian Ecology Centre's medical information form.

I also agree that my son or daughter shall be required to follow whatever school rules and regulations apply, as explained to them by the staff supervisor. Students are expected to behave in the same manner as they would if they were in school during the regular school day.

I understand that my child may be returned home, at my expense, should the trip supervisor deem the behavior to be so disruptive and/or inappropriate as to warrant cancellation of trip privileges. I understand that I will be notified and that an adult will accompany my child back from the trip. Otherwise, it is my responsibility to come and pick up my child at the place of return.

**Elements of Risk:**

The risk of injury may exist in Out-of-Classroom activities. Due to the very nature of some activities, the risk of injury may increase. Injuries may range from minor sprains to more serious injuries. The safety and well-being of students is the prime concern and the Near North District School Board shall make its best efforts to manage as effectively as possible, the foreseeable risks inherent in all activities.

I understand that the Board does not provide accidental death, disability, dismemberment or medical expense insurance on behalf of the students participating in this activity and that it is recommended that I purchase accident insurance for my child.

Please note: If a student has attained the age of majority, the signature of the parent or guardian is left to the discretion of the trip leaders (see Appendix E as those 18 years of age or older must sign). A copy of this form must be sent to all parents, regardless of student's age. The completed form must be returned to the teacher at least one week prior to the field trip. Parents are invited to telephone the school if they require additional information.

**Please note: Freedom of Information**

The information provided on this form is collected pursuant to the Board's education responsibilities as set out in *The Education Act* and its regulations. The information is protected under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be utilized only for purposes related to the Board's Administrative Guideline on Risk Management for Out-of-Classroom High Risk Activities. Any questions with respect to this information should be directed to the school principal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Canadian Ecology Centre's TENTATIVE list of "on-site" and "off-site" field trip destinations

(\*subject to change, omissions and additions)

### General On-site Field trips for all grades

The CEC is located within Samuel de Champlain Provincial parks and makes use of all waterways and trails within the park. We consider these as "on-site" locations as we are not leaving provincial park boundaries. All activities occur under supervision with qualified staff.

- Swimming in Samuel de Champlain Provincial Parks waterways (lifejackets are worn)
- Canoeing within Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park (lifejackets are worn)
- Hiking/Walking within Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park
- General use of the outdoor environment (aquatic and land-based) for science based activities and learning opportunities

### General Off-site Field trips

The CEC makes use of many local community resources to extend and enhance the learning process. This generally involves transporting students via school bus to various locations within the Near North Area (ie. North Bay, Mattawa, etc...). All trips are supervised with qualified staff and emergency procedures are in place for each trip.

The following is a list of **possible** off-site field trips for students in grades 9-12 that the CEC has done/used in the past. These trips are subject to changes, additions and/or omissions. Students may only go on some of these trips depending on what grade and course they are enrolled in.

- Canoeing on designated waterways,
- Nature's Harmony Eco-lodge, Reptile Camp, Town of Mattawa, Otto Holden Dam
- North Bay Waste/Water Department (Recycling and Hazardous Waste, Water treatment plant, sewage plant, landfill sites)
- Nipissing University, Canadore College, Science North/Dynamic Earth
- Energy Production Plants
- Local farms, Boards Honey Farm, Conservation Authorities

*A finalized field trip plan for each class will be shared with all families once all the day trip details have been confirmed.*