



# Dunwoody Nature Center

## Volunteer Sign-in Waiver

**Service Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (m) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please read the following agreement and sign below:**

In connection with my voluntary involvement in activities undertaken for, and with the participation and support of Dunwoody Nature Center, a non-profit charitable organization, I hereby agree, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators to release and discharge Dunwoody Nature Center, and any partnering agency or school, its officers and directors, employees, agents and volunteers from all claims, demands and actions for injuries sustained and/or property damaged as a result of my involvement in such activities, whether or not resulting from negligence, and I agree to release and hold Dunwoody Nature Center, and any partnering agency or school, its officers and directors, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any cause or action, claim or suit arising therewith. I hereby attest that attendance and involvement in such activities is voluntary, that I am participating at my own risk, and that I have read the foregoing terms and conditions of this release. Furthermore, I grant permission for photographs, video and quotations during my involvement with Dunwoody Nature Center to be used to further promote volunteerism.

**Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse (Section 5-1 of HB 1176):**

I acknowledge that I have been informed that Georgia House Bill 1176 places an obligation on me or any volunteer to immediately report child abuse if suspected to the Director of Education of the Dunwoody Nature Center via phone (770) 394-3322 or email at [programs@dunwoodynature.org](mailto:programs@dunwoodynature.org) Further information on HB 1176 is available on the back side of this form.

**Authorization for treatment:**

In the event that an emergency occurs and the emergency contact person that I have designated cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the medical persons selected by the Dunwoody Nature Center to secure and administer all necessary treatment, including hospitalization, ordering x-rays and routine tests, release of any records necessary for insurance purposes and any necessary related transportation for me.

**Emergency Contact information for day of event (if different from above)**

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (m) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

# **Georgia's Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Law**

## ***Who Must Report***

Any person working in any capacity (volunteer or otherwise) at any organization that provides education, training, supervision, coaching, counseling, recreational programs, or shelter to children under 18 years old.

## ***What to Report***

Suspected Child Abuse—A person must report when they have reasonable cause to believe that child abuse has occurred. Reasonable cause is anything that would lead a reasonable person to believe that child abuse has occurred. Reasonable cause to believe that abuse has occurred can be based on what the person observes or hears.

## ***When to Report***

The suspected child abuse must be reported no later than 24 hours after the child abuse is first suspected.

## ***To Whom to Report***

Any person who suspects child abuse must report the suspected abuse to the individual in charge of the organization where the person is working. To be safe, a Nature Center volunteer who suspects child abuse involving a minor should report the suspected abuse to the Director of Education Center via phone (770) 394-3322 or email at [programs@dunwoodynature.org](mailto:programs@dunwoodynature.org)

An oral report must also be made to the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Upon suspecting abuse, the person should call the county's DFCS report line. The appropriate DFCS telephone number can be found at the following web address: <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/complete-list-all-county-offices>.

## ***What Information to Report***

The following information must be reported:

- The name and address of the child and the child's parents or caretakers;
- The child's age;
- The nature and extent of the child's injuries; and
- Any information that the employee believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injuries and the identity of the person who caused the injuries.

If the above information is not known, the person suspecting abuse should seek help from a school social worker or counselor. The person must report as much of the above information as can be obtained.