

# PARADIS NATURE

## Free learning space for children from 0 to 17 years old

### OUR MISSION

- Find and offer natural spaces that promote learning in the real world around us in the company of a caring and welcoming community.
- Offer young people aged 0 to 18 and their families a living environment where flexibility leaves room for the development of creativity, innovation and autonomy.
- Support parents who have chosen home education in the welcome and respect for all, in the company of qualified caregivers.
- Encourage the participation of families and members of the community in order to enrich the workshops and activities related to the interests of the children.
- Promote learning to live together by respecting the rhythm of the child and nature, so that everyone finds space to grow and flourish to their full potential.
- Support children on their journey of life in harmony with the environment to develop skills that will prepare them for the world of tomorrow.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

PARADIS NATURE is a space dedicated to families practicing home education in which members are authors and responsible for their daily life, within a multi-age and intergenerational collective. Young people are free to determine their own goals. They devote themselves to what interests them without any schedule or time constraints. In connection with their nature and their deep aspiration at every moment, they play, explore and practice their areas of interest.

Young people are encouraged to share what they want to learn and what they want to do. If the facilitators and other learners in the group are unable to meet their wishes, we will try to find the resource in the community.

Children must be accompanied by a parent / guardian at all times. Parents / guardians are responsible for their children. All are welcome to share their passions.

Day care centers and day care centers are not considered to be homeschooling families. They will not be able to access the area reserved for members.

NOMADS or TRAVELERS families are welcome.

Children are free to do the activities that interest them. At no time are they obliged to participate in the workshops and activities offered.

## LOCATION

The locations chosen will be determined in advance. Members will be informed through the private Facebook VIP group - Paradis Nature associated with the organization. The organizer will choose venues primarily located in Eastern Ontario to broaden the horizons of children. Members are welcome to contribute new ideas for places. The organizer will listen to the needs of the children. Also, it will ensure a rotation of the places to avoid leaving too large traces during our passages. Moreover, PARADIS NATURE will be an ecological group. Each of its passages will be without a trace.

The PARADIS NATURE organization dreams of a small center where children can congregate in bad weather. This is where the project is coming from, if that is the wish of the children and families. If you ever know of an interesting place, contact me!

## FACILITATORS

Facilitators are managers, parents, grandparents, adolescents, children and invited experts. They undertake to cooperate with young people and to consider them as independent persons, giving them the same confidence as any other person, thus allowing the establishment of a culture of freedom, equality and respect. They ensure the maintenance of a secure climate, essential to the freedom and development of everyone. They freely share their experiences and knowledge at the request of the children.

Do you want to share your passions, interests or resources?

Do you want to get involved in the organization?

Contact Marie-Claude: [mclaude277@hotmail.com](mailto:mclaude277@hotmail.com)

## OUR MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

When you come to spend a day with us, your family has access to all the material available in the boxes brought by the manager to each gathering. Paradis Nature will offer second-hand, recycled, natural or reused material. Here's an idea of what equipment your family will have:

- Gardening tools, resources for the garden
- Construction tools, especially the simpler ones (hammers, shovels, saws, gloves, goggles, etc.)
- Water color
- Recycled papers, pencils
- Art materials, fabrics, puppets
- Kitchen tools
- Sports toys and accessories (goals, ball, sticks, ropes, circus accessories, etc.)
- Ropes, elastic bands
- Books
- Board games (chess, cards, etc.)
- Exploration equipment (magnifying glasses, tweezers, recycled containers)
- Hammock, tarpaulin

PARADIS NATURE is committed to harmonizing with nature by choosing THE MOST POSSIBLE eco-responsible materials, that is, natural, recycled, sustainable, etc. We are therefore constantly on the lookout for recycled resources. Donations are welcome.

Families are committed to repairing, replacing lost or broken equipment.

Do you have material to donate? Contact the manager Marie-Claude: [mclaude277@hotmail.com](mailto:mclaude277@hotmail.com)

## **COST**

PARADIS NATURE offers a space where children can learn freely and this, FREE. If ever new projects emerge, depending on the needs of the children, a monetary contribution may be requested. The money collected will mainly be used to pay for materials allowing children to do diversified activities and also to thank the expert guest facilitators (eg mushroom specialist) who will pass on their passion through various workshops to families. These paid workshops will not be compulsory.

\* Additional costs are to be expected for special outings in a paid location, at the request of the children (eg parking and access to the location).

Meals and snacks are not provided by the organization.

## **REGISTRATION**

To become a member, your family will need to complete the attached forms. Registration is confirmed when all documents have been signed. (You can take a photo of the original and signed sheets and send them to me by email: [mclaude277@hotmail.com](mailto:mclaude277@hotmail.com))

Once the forms have been received, you will automatically become a member of PARADIS NATURE. You will be invited to join the VIP private Facebook group - Paradis Nature where all the information about upcoming activities will be posted! Youppi!

## **SCHEDULE**

Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (the day of the week may vary depending on the availability of regular members)

Families can arrive later or leave earlier.

If demand is growing, Paradis Nature will offer the possibility of adding another gathering day to the week.

## **WORKSHOPS OFFERED**

One-off, more structured activities can be suggested and organized by all members of the organization - PARADIS NATURE. No activity will be compulsory, in the spirit of respecting the wishes and interests of each individual. It is essential to ensure the best interests of the children and to respect their choice not to want to participate.

Learning activities:

- Reading and writing club
- Scientific and technological discoveries
- Mathematics club
- History and geography workshops
- Entrepreneurship projects
- Games and sports activities, yoga, dance, etc.
- Music, arts, crafts and handicrafts
- Gardening, permaculture, animal care
- Movement, philosophy and mindfulness
- Healthy nutrition and cooking
- Cultural and nature outings

## **PERSONAL OBJECTS**

Each family is responsible for their personal belongings. It is allowed to bring equipment from home to the premises, but the PARADIS NATURE organization is not responsible for any breakage, loss or theft.

Welcome to all! For the greater good of our children!

# IMAGE RIGHT

## Publication authorization

**I authorize** PARADIS NATURE

To photograph, film or record my children: \_\_\_\_\_  
and myself : \_\_\_\_\_

during events organized as part of the association's activities and to use these images on its various communication media (newspaper, brochures, website, social networks, etc.).

This permission also applies to the use of our image by all media outside LES SENTIERS COLORÉS for articles and subjects about the organization.

This authorization is issued free of charge for an indefinite period.

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (s) of parents / legal representative (s):

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**I do not authorize** PARADIS NATURE

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Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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# **RULES TO PROTECT THE CLIMATE AND MEMBERS**

## **Preamble**

All members of the PARADIS NATURE group are responsible for the climate of the place. Their actions must therefore help to preserve the atmosphere of freedom, respect, justice and trust which are the fundamental principles and the *raison d'être* of the organization. This responsibility implies the duty for each active member to inform the collective of any action that could threaten this climate.

PARADIS NATURE is intended to be a space of freedom allowing everyone to act as they see fit, insofar as their actions are respectful of other members and of the places borrowed. To ensure this respect, the head of the organization reserves the right, at any time, to define or redefine the limits of what she considers acceptable during the day.

## **Respect others**

1. Take care of yourself, others and the group
2. Respect the limits of others
3. Avoid prejudices in our actions and intentions (eg: not to judge a person on their physical appearance, their sexual identity, their gender, their origin, their age, their level of education, etc.)
4. Listen without interrupting and leave space for others to speak
5. Physical and verbal violence is not tolerated. PARADIS NATURE is a place of learning and exchange! We should not hesitate to share our knowledge and skills - this is how we will weave our web of knowledge and skills.

## **Respect the space / the building / the neighbors**

6. Clean spaces and equipment after using them
7. Ensure that the use of objects is done in a safe manner.
8. Be gentle with objects (If something breaks, and you're not sure how to fix it, talk to a staff member)
9. Share spaces with patience and awareness of the needs of others! (Share your usage and working time intentions with other users in the space you are in.)
10. If you do not feel comfortable or in or if you witness a situation which requires assistance, please mention it (ex: case of discrimination, harassment, violence, need for first aid or health. mental, etc.).

**SANITARY MEASURES**

Each family is responsible for enforcing the health requirements of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. When a family chooses to participate in the activities offered, it bears the risk associated with the spread of the coronavirus. Each family is responsible for applying the rules issued by the government.

If gatherings are prohibited, PARADIS NATURE will cancel the activities during the undetermined time.

Signature of parents / legal guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

## RISK ACCEPTANCE FORM

I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed about the risks inherent in activities, current or future, regardless of the level of supervision as well as the level of skill and experience of family members, including adults and children registered. In addition, there is no factor or condition that I should disclose to the organizers that would make my participation in the activities organized by PARADIS NATURE unsafe.

I also recognize that it is the duty of all members of my family to respect the rules, instructions and procedures applicable to the activities in which they participate. It is my sole responsibility to take care of the safekeeping of my property and my duty to respect the rules of conduct which, depending on the circumstances, customs or the law, are imposed on me, so as not to cause damage to others, including their property. An adult over 18 years old / parent / guardian must be present to ensure the care and safety of his or her children. PARADIS NATURE does not offer childcare services.

Except for cases prohibited by law or contrary to public order, I release the PARADIS NATURE organization, their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives from all liability for any damage that I might suffer as a result of the practice. activities, as well as following my participation in all activities sanctioned by PARADIS NATURE, whatever the cause or nature.

To this end, I hereby waive any recourse against the persons mentioned above. This waiver takes effect immediately and will continue to have effect as long as I participate in the activities covered by this present and binds all my heirs, liquidators of succession and successors in title as well as any other person who represents me. In addition, the PARADIS NATURE organization assumes no responsibility for the theft, loss or damage to property of participants during activities. I accept and recognize that there are risks in the forest, in parks, near waterways or any public or non-public facility that may cause loss, injury or death. These risks are identified without limitation in the list below:

- Injuries due to falls or other movements (sprain, strain, fracture, etc.);
- Injuries with blunt or cutting object (branch, equipment, etc.);
- Injuries resulting from accidental or non-accidental contact between individuals;
- Cold or hypothermia as well as contact with water, even drowning;
- Burns or disorders due to heat (fires, heating equipment, sun, temperature, etc.);
- Severe allergies;
- Contact with wild animals, or poisonous or irritating plants;
  - Theft, loss or breakage (accidental or otherwise) of goods (glasses, clothing, equipment, etc.);
- Failure of personal protective equipment;
- Behavior, even negligent, on the part of other individuals;
- Death.



## RECOGNITION OF COVID-19 RISKS and other infectious diseases

I recognize the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 as well as other infectious diseases and I voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed or infected through my participation in the activities of the PARADIS NATURE organization. I acknowledge that this exposure or infection may cause injury, illness or other ailments, among other things.

I declare that my participation in the activities of the PARADIS NATURE organization and its agents is voluntary;

I declare that neither I, nor anyone living under my roof, has experienced any cold or flu symptoms (including fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness or difficulty breathing) in the past 14 days; If I experience cold or flu symptoms after signing this declaration, I undertake not to attend or participate in the activities of the PARADIS NATURE organization and its representatives for at least 14 days after the last manifestation of cold or flu symptoms. I declare that neither I, nor anyone living under my roof, has traveled or made a stopover outside of Canada in the past 14 days. If I travel outside Canada after signing this declaration, I agree not to attend or participate in the activities of the PARADIS NATURE organization and its agents for at least 14 days after returning from my trip.

### Names of family members

Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____

Name of parent or responsible guardian (\* if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If the participant is under 18: I confirm that I am the parent or guardian of a minor participant and that I sign this risk acceptance and waiver form on my behalf as guardian / guardian of this child. I declare that I have fully informed the minor of all the aforementioned risks or any other risk of which I am aware and will ensure that this minor is removed from activities if I deem the risks to be too great for him.

