

**FOR PARENTS OF MACOUN CLUB MEMBERS:  
WE REQUIRE A CURRENT RECORD OF YOUR  
APPROVAL FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF  
YOUR CHILD ON MACOUN CLUB FIELD TRIPS**



Macoun Club meetings and field trips are operated by volunteers from the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club.

As field trips will be a major part of your child's Macoun Club experience, we ask you to review the following points and initial where requested. We realize that when your child is first joining, you will likely be able to initial only the first item. On the reverse side (or second page) of this form please write in your child's name and then sign your own name.

I, the PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
have looked into how Macoun Club field trips are run and am satisfied that they are safe for my child. By signing the waiver on the reverse side (or second page) of this form, I acknowledge that I take full responsibility for permitting my child to participate, and release the Macoun Club from legal action for injury or property damage.

*We expect all parents to initial at least item one.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and appreciate the following description of field trips:

- Ordinarily, Macoun members are divided into small independent groups, each led by a volunteer with expertise in natural history
- It is presumed that all children want to be on the trip and that they will therefore be well mannered and respond to instruction
- On any outing, risks range from a chance of minor scrapes and scratches to the possibility of serious falls in wild and rough terrain
- Older and more experienced members (who are generally of high-school age) may be allowed greater freedom to explore, without immediate supervision; at this stage, we will provide another, more explanatory waiver.

*(initial where you can, according to your familiarity with the Club)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I have spoken personally with one or more of the field-trip leaders sufficiently for me to be satisfied that they are competent and of good character (write in the leaders' names):

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ I talk with my child after field trips and maintain a favourable impression of their intent and practice.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ I have attended field trips myself and, knowing first-hand what conditions prevail, continue to be satisfied that they are conducted safely.

**“The waiver”**

I hereby give my consent for the transportation of MY CHILD, \_\_\_\_\_ by motor vehicle while on outdoor excursions of the Macoun Field Club.

In consideration of my said child being permitted to participate in the activities of the Macoun Field Club, I hereby release, and I further agree to indemnify, Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, the Canadian Museum of Nature,\* and the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, their successors, servants and agents, and in particular the field-trip leaders and their assistants from and against any and all actions, causes of action, costs, claims and demands of any nature whatsoever, and all rights to compensation or damages which might be brought or claimed against them or any of them in respect of any death or injury to the said child or for loss of or damage to property which might be suffered by my said child while he or she is participating in the activities of the Macoun Field Club or is being transported in connection with the said activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

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

Have your child bring this form to the next meeting he or she attends.

\*The Canadian Museum of Nature has historically been a cosponsor of the Macoun Club