

**Pathfinder's vision:**

communities of inclusion, integrity, and sustainability.

Pathfinder's mission:

to deliver fun, challenging adventures that help people learn about themselves, others and the environment.

Pathfinder's core values:

respect, integrity, choice, cooperation, fun, caring, growth

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*Founded in 1993
Accredited since 1998
Celebrating 25 years*

June 5, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of Carrollwood Day School students,

Your child has the opportunity to participate in a Pathfinder Outdoor Education program. We have been providing fun, challenging adventures for 25 years. The activities your school leaders have chosen include team building initiatives, challenge course, High ropes, canoeing, a solo experience and a campfire. These all involve a level of inherent risk therefore, Pathfinder has an Agreement, which must be completed by a parent/guardian in order for your child to participate in the activities.

While the Agreement states, "your child may be seriously injured or killed", Pathfinder has never had a death in our entire 25 year history. Our staff handles the bulk of program injuries with their Red Cross First Aid training. Incidents requiring professional medical attention (i.e. walk-in clinic, emergency room, doctor or nurses), average 3.9 incidents a year. We have over 5,000 participants a year. If you have concerns or questions about our safety record, I am readily available to have a conversation with you. I can be reached at 727-328-0300.

The Agreement includes very specific and intentional language required by our insurance provider and our attorney. In addition to informing the participant of Inherent Risks, releasing Pathfinder from Liability and containing the Indemnity and Hold Harmless agreement, Florida State Statute 744.301(3)(b) requires: "To be enforceable, a waiver or release executed under this subsection must, at a minimum, include the following statement in uppercase type that is at least 5 points larger than, and clearly distinguishable from, the rest of the text of the waiver or release.". Section F of our Agreement is the required statement. Other commercial activity providers such as climbing gyms, amusement parks, ziplines, camps, etc. have similar language in their waivers.

To gain a better understanding, it may be helpful to see what your child will be doing. Our website (www.pathfinderoutdoorededucation.org) and YouTube channel (PathfinderOutdoorEd) provide lots of pictures and videos. I invite you to take a look at these and see the activities. We have extensive information on each one which I am happy to share with you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter,

Sherry Bagley
Co-Executive Director

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