

# **Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool Policy, Safety & Participation Agreement**

**Program Name:** Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool

**Operating Organization:** Bigfoot Nature Fellowship, 508(c)(1)(A) incorporated nonprofit

**Program Type:** In-person home education instructional program

**Schedule:** Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Tuition:** \$100 per month, per child

This Policy, Safety & Participation Agreement is provided for families enrolling in Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool. The program is presented as an in-person home education instructional program, and eligible programs are expected to have publicly reviewable program descriptions, a published tuition and fee schedule, and a physical operating location.

## **Program Overview**

Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool is a nature-based home education instructional program operating under Bigfoot Nature Fellowship. The program is designed to enrich parent-directed home education through outdoor learning, gardening, permaculture, social connection, and practical life skills in a physical, in-person setting.

The program is intended for homeschool families seeking hands-on educational enrichment in a natural environment. Activities may include gardening, food forest learning, outdoor exploration, life skills, group projects, creative activities, and other nature-based educational experiences appropriate to the setting and age group.

## **Participation Terms**

Enrollment in Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool is voluntary. Payment of tuition reserves a child's place in the program for the applicable month or term, subject to space, scheduling, safety rules, and continued compliance with program expectations.

This program is an enrichment-based home education instructional program and is not a private school, public school, charter school, or virtual school. Parent-directed education remains the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

## **Tuition and Payment**

Tuition is \$100 per month per child unless otherwise posted in writing by the program. Tuition, fees, schedules, and related policies may be updated prospectively by the program upon notice to participating families.

Payment through Stripe or any other payment method confirms the family's intent to enroll for the selected period, but payment alone does not replace any separate participation documents, land-access rules, or liability waivers required for attendance.

### **Parent or Guardian Responsibilities**

The parent or legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that all enrollment information is accurate and current. The parent or legal guardian is also responsible for informing the program of any allergies, medical conditions, behavioral concerns, accessibility needs, emergency contacts, or other information reasonably necessary for safe participation.

Parents and guardians remain responsible for their children's general welfare, conduct, preparation, and compliance with posted rules, staff instructions, and safety expectations. If the program requires on-site parent presence, check-in, or sign-in/sign-out procedures, families agree to follow those procedures.

### **Safety and Assumption of Risk**

Participation in this program takes place on outdoor land and may include inherent risks associated with natural terrain, weather, insects, plants, tools, gardening activity, uneven ground, wildlife, physical play, and other outdoor or land-based conditions. Families understand that participation is voluntary and that such activities may involve known and unknown risks.

By participating, the parent or guardian acknowledges these inherent risks and accepts responsibility for deciding whether the child is fit to participate. Families agree to use reasonable care, follow instructions, wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and refrain from conduct that may endanger themselves or others.

### **Separate Waiver Requirement**

All parents, guardians, and participating children may be required to sign a separate liability waiver, guest sign-in form, safety acknowledgment, or land-access agreement before attending or each time they enter the property, depending on program procedures for that date or event. Payment or online enrollment does not waive this requirement.

If a required waiver or acknowledgment is not completed, the program may deny attendance or participation until all required documents are signed.

### **Medical and Emergency Matters**

The program does not guarantee medical care on site. In the event of illness, injury, or emergency, the program may contact emergency services and/or the child's parent, guardian, or emergency contact using the information provided by the family.

Families are responsible for maintaining appropriate health insurance and for any medical costs arising from participation, except as otherwise required by law.

### **Behavior and Community Expectations**

Families are expected to contribute to a respectful, safe, and constructive community environment. Unsafe behavior, repeated disruption, aggression, harassment, intentional property damage, possession of illegal substances, or refusal to follow reasonable safety instructions may result in immediate removal from an activity, suspension, or dismissal from the program.

The program reserves the right to determine, in its reasonable discretion, whether continued participation is appropriate for the safety and well-being of the child, other participants, volunteers, staff, and the property.

### **Attendance, Weather, and Outdoor Conditions**

Because this is a nature-based outdoor program, activities may be adjusted, postponed, relocated within the property, or canceled due to weather, land conditions, safety concerns, instructor availability, emergencies, or other circumstances affecting safe operation.

Families are responsible for arriving on time, preparing children for outdoor participation, and checking for program updates when weather or property conditions may affect the schedule.

### **Photo and Media Notice**

Program activities may involve photography or video for documentation, communication, educational, or promotional purposes. If the program uses a separate photo or media release, families may be asked to sign that document independently.

If a family does not consent to photography or video use beyond ordinary internal documentation, that preference should be communicated in writing before participation, subject to any separate release form or posted policy.

## **Refunds, Credits, and Cancellations**

Tuition and fees are subject to the program's posted cancellation, refund, and credit policies. Unless otherwise stated in writing, missed days, voluntary absences, family scheduling conflicts, or failure to attend do not automatically entitle a family to a refund.

If the program cancels a session or materially changes the program schedule, any refund, makeup day, credit, or transfer will be handled according to the program's then-current policy and the circumstances involved.

## **Website Terms and Checkout Acknowledgment**

Families may be asked to review this agreement on the program website before submitting payment. A website notice or payment-page statement may direct families to this agreement as part of the enrollment process. Stripe or other payment platforms may also be configured to link to the program's terms or policy page.

## **Limitation of This Agreement**

This document is intended to describe program expectations, participation conditions, and general safety-related policies in a clear public-facing format. It is not a substitute for a separately signed waiver, release, indemnification agreement, or other legal document when such a document is required by the program.

This document does not waive any rights or obligations that cannot lawfully be waived, and nothing in this agreement is intended to release liability for gross negligence, reckless conduct, or intentional misconduct to the extent such matters cannot be waived under applicable law.

## **Acknowledgment**

By enrolling in Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool, the parent or legal guardian acknowledges that they have reviewed this Policy, Safety & Participation Agreement, understand the nature of the program, and agree to comply with its terms as a condition of participation.

Parents and guardians further understand that additional waivers, sign-in procedures, safety acknowledgments, and property-specific participation documents may be required before attendance or at each visit.

## **Contact**

## **Bigfoot Food Forest Homeschool**

Operated under Bigfoot Nature Fellowship

For current contact information, tuition details, schedule updates, or enrollment instructions, families should use the program's official website or designated program contact.

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