**Field Studies Parent Volunteer Form**

The Connect Charter School utilizes the guidelines and framework of the Youth Safe Outdoors organization (<http://www.youthsafeoutdoors.ca/>) when planning and implementing our outdoor education trips.

The obligation of the Connect Charter School is to ensure the safety and well being of our students while on field trips. When selecting which parent volunteers we will accompany classes on trips, we must consider the following:

* areas of expertise or experience so that our students are safe and receive the best benefit possible from their field trips.
* the element of liability and risk to the volunteers themselves that we must consider when assigning parent volunteers to our field trips.
* a parent’s ability to interact positively with all students they will be working with and the adult’s ability to set a proper tone, maintain behavioral expectations in a positive and student-centered way, and their ability to make appropriate decisions without direct teacher input.

In order to ensure that prospective parent volunteers are suited to the demands of the field trips undertaken, we need some information regarding parents’ applicable experience and expertise. Please fill out the form below if you are submitting your name for a volunteer position to accompany students on a field trip. The information we collect will help us decide which parents are best suited to accompany us on specific field trips. When the number of qualified parents exceeds the number of spaces available, a random draw will be held to select the volunteers, taking into consideration the need to balance genders for supervision purposes.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FIELD STUDY VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM AND RETURN TO**

**YOUR CHILD’S HOMEROOM TEACHER**

**NO LATER THAN *May 7, 2014***

**You will be notified by May 9th of your participation on the trip.**

**Field Study Volunteer Information Form**

**Parent Name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Student**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **H/R:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**e-mail**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Field Study**: Southern Alberta History Tour **Grade**: 4

**Dates**: 4.1/4.2 June 3-5 4.3/4.4 June 4-6

**Overview**:

The Southern Alberta History Tour provides a unique opportunity for students. They will gain confidence and skills in a natural setting where established routines emphasize student safety first and foremost, and strong connections to the curriculum. SAHT reinforces the relevance of learning outside a classroom setting. Volunteers on the SAHT are asked to take on many tasks such as helping with food distribution, help the students with meal clean up, aiding the children with bed time routines, medicine distribution and supporting students as they transition between activities. The days can be long, usually starting at 7:00 am and often ending near 11:00 PM with very little ‘down time’. Being able to recognize what needs to be done without specific direction, once the routines are known, is an asset. On occasion there is also a need for parent volunteers to assume a supervisory role to assist teachers when students are divided into small groups.

**PART A – Knowledge, Skills and Attributes**

Please provide a list of the knowledge, skills and attributes you possess that will enhance the quality and/or safety of this field study:

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**PART B – Volunteer Experience**

Please provide a summary of your experience volunteering on previous field trips involving your child. Include the nature and duration of the trip as well as your responsibilities as a parent volunteer.

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**PART C – Health Information (this information is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It will be retained only if you are selected for this field study and destroyed immediately thereafter.)**

In order to help us ensure the safety and well-being of our parent volunteers, please identify any health related issues that we should know about if you are chosen as a volunteer for this field trip?

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