
AUSTIN CHILDREN'S **OUTDOOR** **BILL** *of* **RIGHTS**

WHEREAS: Studies show that children who learn and play in nature are healthier, happier and perform better in school.

WHEREAS: Children who have safe access to parks, zoos, nature centers, lakes and rivers, and other public outdoor spaces are more resilient, have higher self-esteem, are more confident, are better problem solvers and are more creative.

WHEREAS: All children should feel welcome at all of Austin's parks, pools, trails, waterways and open spaces.

WHEREAS: Communities in disadvantaged areas with access to nature benefit from greater health equity with lower rates of mortality and disease.

WHEREAS: Children who develop a positive relationship with nature are more likely to become tomorrow's stewards of our natural heritage.

WHEREAS: Through its parks, trails, waterways, open spaces, and other natural spaces, Austin provides a wide variety of quality outdoor opportunities.

**THEREFORE: We support this Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
in which every child has the right to:**

**Climb a tree • Catch a fish • Picnic in a park • Hike a trail • Ride a bike
Splash in the creek or river • Discover plants and wildlife
Play in the sand and mud • Gaze at the night sky • Chase a firefly
Plant a seed and watch it grow • Harvest and eat a fruit or vegetable**



Children in Nature
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