



# Bateman Foundation

## Nature Sketch

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Participants (over the age of 18) or parents are asked to fill out the Waiver of Liability/Behavioral Expectation/Media and Image Release form at the time of registration and payment.**

- I have received confirmation that my child is registered in the program.
- I have read the **General information** form.
- I have read and signed the **Waiver of Liability** form to hand in.
- I have read and signed the **Behaviour Expectations** form to hand in.
- I have read and signed the **Media and Image Release** form to hand in.
- My child will have his/her snacks, drinks, and all food will be **nut-free**.
- I know where and when to drop off and pick up my child. I will sign in and sign out my child with the artist or naturalist at the beginning and end of each class.
- I will ensure that my child will be dropped off within 10 minutes of the beginning of class time and will inform the art teacher if my child will be late or absent.
- I will ensure my child is wearing appropriate clothing each day that is comfortable and casual for participation in a variety of activities and has brought all of their required supplies.

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### General Information

#### About the program:

- The Nature Sketch program inspires observation and appreciation of the natural world to children and adults.
- Every participant will have the opportunity to connect with nature and art at a variety of unique ecosystems.
- Participants will learn about the wildlife and habitat of local flora and fauna including the re-wilding of habitat in urban settings and species at risk.
- Every week, Nature Sketch participants will be met by a sketch artist and a naturalist at the week's chosen ecosystems.
- The Bateman Foundation will provide a sketchbook to each student on the first day of class. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no sharing of materials. Students will be responsible to bring an HB pencil, white eraser and their Nature Sketch sketchbook to and from each class. Extra materials will not be provided due to pandemic restrictions.
- A feature exhibition will be held on the last week of class, displaying the art by the Nature Sketch participants.
- Location directions, parking information and rainy day plans will be provided on a weekly basis from the sketch artist/instructor.

#### Nature Sketch Sessions:

- Please note - parents are responsible for dropping off/picking up their children each week to/from destination. They MUST sign in and sign out their child with the artist/naturalist. Please ensure to drop off your child within 10 minutes of the beginning of class and to let the artist know if your child will be late or absent.
- We will provide information on exact meeting location on Wednesday prior to outing. Please reply back to these emails so that the instructor knows that you have received it.
- Participants will bring their sketch book, pencil and eraser home at the end of each weekly class, and will be responsible for ensuring they bring it to each session. If the participant uses up the entire sketchbook before the end of the program or loses theirs, you may choose to purchase an additional one from us for \$5.00.
- The sessions will involve short distance walking. Please ensure the participant is well dressed for these trips. This may include sunscreen, water bottles, and hats for sunny days and rain gear for rainy ones. Close-toed shoes are required on these days. This program will be held in different natural areas throughout the city & sometimes requires walking on uneven ground. If you have limited mobility issues, please inform The Foundation before classes begin.

- We will always release a rainy day plan the Friday before the Saturday Nature Sketch session, as needed.
- Contact and weekly information updates will be provided by the Nature Sketch team by email. If you or your child is going to be late/absent, please let the instructor know in advance of the class.
- Please bring along a NUT FREE snack, water bottle and backpack to carry all items.
- Each class will be facilitated by an artist and a naturalist. Both of the members of the teaching team have undergone a criminal record check and will be the only adults who are allowed to be alone with any child at any time. One member of each team has First Aid & CPR training as well as carry a first-aid kit.
- Parents are welcome to stay with their child during the class IF NEEDED. We realize that some children may have additional needs that may need added supervision or help, however, if this creates any issues, the teaching team may need to re-assess the issue. The teaching team may also request additional parents to stay, on an as-needed basis. Any additional volunteers or parents who stay with the class must either have submitted a criminal record check or will not be left alone with any child other than their own at any time.

### **Ecosystem Sites:**

- The Nature Sketch program is held outside in natural parks & areas within the city. It will require walking around each area, sometimes on uneven ground.
- Locations are subject to change. Your Nature Sketch team will inform you of any location changes on the Wednesday prior to each weekend outing.
- Locations will be updated on the Nature Sketch website.
- Participants are to respect our environment and the eco-system at all times. No items should be removed or damaged, or should be put back in their place when finished. Any items that we bring with us, must go home, including garbage.



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### Release of all claims and waiver of liability

In consideration of The Bateman Foundation accepting myself/my child's application for myself/my child's being permitted to participate in the "Nature Sketch" program, I hereby agree to this release of liability, waiver of claims and assumption of risks (collectively "this Release").

I waive any and all claims I may now and in the future have against The Bateman Foundation (TBF), and release from all liability and agree not to sue TBF and its servants, agents, employees or volunteers for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss sustained by myself or my child as a result of participation in this program due to any cause whatsoever.

I confirm that I am a participant (over the age of 18) or the parent or guardian of the participant (minor person) and that I have read and understood this Release prior to signing it. I hereby identify and save TBF, its servants, agents, employees, or volunteers from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses that the TBF/eco-systems may sustain incur, suffer, or be put to at any time, where the same are based upon, or arise out of, or occur, directly or indirectly, by reason of the participation in Nature Sketch program.

I acknowledge that accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the participant, TBF, or its employees, agents, or volunteers, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By participating or allowing myself/my child to participate in the Nature Sketch program, I accept the risk of an accident occurring, and agree the activities at the Nature Sketch program, which include, but are not limited to, visiting exhibits in the The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature (if applicable), and exploring unique eco-systems.

I agree that this Release shall be governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Canada.

### COVID Waiver of Liability

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that public health authorities recommend practicing physical distancing, frequent hand washing/sanitizing and mask wearing.

I further acknowledge that the Bateman Foundation and Gallery of Nature have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. Including running water for hand washing at the Gallery, hand sanitizer, masks and social distancing rules.

I further acknowledge that the Bateman Foundation can not guarantee that I/my child will not become infected with the Coronavirus/COVID-19. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, gallery staff, participants, and guests visiting the gallery.

I acknowledge that I/my child am increasing my risk of exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that I/my child must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while conducting Nature Sketch classes, educational programs or workshops.

I waive any and all claims I may now and in the future have against The Bateman Foundation (TBF), and release from all liability and agree not to sue TBF and its servants, agents, employees or volunteers for any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss sustained by myself or my child as a result of participation in this program due to any cause whatsoever.

I hereby release and agree to hold the Bateman Foundation and its servants, agents, employees or volunteers harmless from, and waive on behalf of myself, my heirs, and any personal representatives any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss to myself and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act of the Foundation, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection to the Bateman Foundation or its representatives. I understand that this release discharges the Bateman Foundation from any liability or claim that I, my heirs, or any personal representatives may have against the Foundation with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to the Bateman Foundation.



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## Nature Sketch Behaviour Expectations

### All participants must abide by the following expectations:

- **Respect.** Participants must respect each other, their surroundings, program supplies, and themselves. We promote safety, inclusion, and a positive experience for every participant. This rule also covers the use of cell phones, which are permitted, but not during regular activities, as we want each participant to get as much as possible out of their Nature Sketch experience.
- **Stay with your group.** Participants must stay with the Nature Sketch team leaders at all times while under the guidance of TBF and its staff and volunteers.
- **Be courteous and respectful of all participants, staff and others around you.** Take turns at interactive stations. Do not run.
- **Be respectful of the gallery exhibitions and ecosystem nature, plants and animals.** Use books or clipboards to write against instead of walls, windows, or exhibit panels. Do not climb on the exhibits or reach inside of them.
- **Keep food, drinks, and gum outside the gallery exhibitions.**

Please follow the instructions of the Nature Sketch teaching team. Participants that have difficulty following the guidelines will be asked to modify their behaviour and, in some situations, may be asked to leave. There will be no refunds for participants who do not abide by the above expectations.

### Backpack policy:

The Bateman Foundation (TBF) and Nature Sketch are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

## The Bateman Foundation Release Form

I am the adult participant or parent/legal guardian of the minor participant named below ("Minor").

I hereby give my consent to TBF, to record, photograph or film the Minor as part of the **Nature Sketch** program.

I hereby grant to TBF/Nature Sketch and its representatives the right to use, reproduce, modify, publish or distribute the participant's voice, image or likeness in the recordings for any lawful educational, advertising, promotional, commercial and informational purpose, and hereby release and discharge any right, title or interest that I or the minor may have in the recordings or in any remuneration therefrom.