

**Parental Permission for Field Trip
to Austin College Sneed Prairie Restoration**

Your child's class will take a field trip to Austin College's Sneed Prairie Restoration later this semester. The Sneed property is a 100-acre prairie restoration site approximately 10 miles west of Sherman just north of Highway 82. Our trip is scheduled for _____ but if the weather is not suitable on that date it will be postponed.

The field trip will provide an opportunity for your child to learn about our region's Blackland Prairie and the process of prairie restoration. It complements material we have been studying in class on the same topic.

The field trips are designed to avoid predictable hazards, such as fire ants, thorny trees, and holes in the ground dug by burrowing animals. Other potential hazards include old barbed wire fences and electric fences. We will stay away from both. Horseplay is unacceptable at the site. Only if students are disruptive or inattentive will they have a significant prospect of encountering either type of fence. Lots of other risks (e.g. rattlesnakes) are possible but far less likely. So far no schoolchildren have been injured at the site but field guides do carry first aid kits with them.

Please advise us if your child has known severe allergic reactions. _____

For their comfort and safety please have your child dressed appropriately.

- ☺ **Long pants and sturdy shoes** (not sandals since we walk in tall grass). Short pants and sandals or other open-toed shoes are unacceptable.
- ☺ **A hat and sunscreen** are recommend as well.
- ☺ Please **check the forecast!** Early fall and late spring dates can be hot; late fall and early spring dates can be cold and very windy (so **send a jacket and other needed warm clothing**).
- ☺ Please **send a small thermos of water or bottled water to carry as we hike** at the prairie. Water is available onsite at the pavilion area only.
- ☺ To avoid dehydration, please **send water to drink at lunch rather than soda** or other drinks (if your child's class is eating lunch in the pavilion).

Parents: My child _____

_____ has my permission to participate.

_____ may not participate in this activity.

Printed name of parent or guardian _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Date _____

Students: I agree to follow instructions and behave responsibly during the field trip.

Student's name (printed) _____

Student's signature _____

Date _____