



## Group Information for the Nature PlayScape

**Adult leaders, you are responsible for your children's safety and supervision.** Encourage your children to respect and protect nature, each other, and this special place.

### **Please note:**

- The water in the stream is recirculated, so please use a swim diaper if necessary.
- Do not drink the stream water.
- Keep large rocks and logs in place to protect the landscape and stream.
- Picnic tables are located outside the Nature PlayScape.
- The Krehbiel Pavilion is available for rental. If no one is renting it, you are welcome to use it. All groups must clean up after themselves.
- Bathrooms, including a wash-off station for the MudZone are located outside the Nature PlayScape at the bathrooms (located behind the pavilion).
- No dogs permitted.
- To report situations of concern call (513) 965-4245.

The Nature PlayScape is a special place. The rules are less restrictive than on the rest of the property. This is because we want children to develop a personal relationship with nature based on their own experiences playing, digging, crawling, picking flowers, wading in streams, climbing, etc.

### **Here are some things you should know:**

1. This is not a playground or water park. As children test their limits and become confident in the outdoors, they rely on you to help guide their decision making. Parents or adult chaperones must remain with their children inside the Nature PlayScape at all times.
2. The Nature PlayScape is not indestructible. Children are encouraged to play with loose materials, but prying up large boulders or completely damming up the stream or breaking live branches off shrubs and trees WILL hurt this special place.
3. Some structures are not for climbing. Help children assess the potential risk to themselves and others if they try climbing on top of forts, etc. Does the surface seem stable? Is anyone playing underneath?
4. The PlayScape is open to all visitors at the Nature Center. Please be respectful of other families and groups who are sharing the space.

