



SANDALWOOD Herpetology Club

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Release Form Information

Live reptiles and amphibians will be an integral part of the Sandalwood Herpetology Club, herein referred to simply as “herp club.” The safe handling of the animals is of prime importance for both the welfare of the students AND the animals. Safe handling techniques will be taught and practiced at all times during club activities. The following is a list of animals currently held in the classroom.

- corn snakes
- Mexican kingsnake
- gopher tortoise
- Dumerils boa
- Other miscellaneous herps
- eastern kingsnake
- ball pythons
- alligator snapping turtle
- Chinese pond turtles
- bearded dragon
- Burmese mt. tortoise
- western hognose
- rosy boa
- great plains rat snake

This list will change from time to time, but will NEVER include any venomous or large constrictors.

Your permission is required prior to ANY handling of animals at school. Your signature enables your child to handle any reptiles and amphibians as part of the club. Not signing this form will not prevent your child from participating in any club activities. This is for handling of the animals only.

Potential danger: extremely minimal

Harmful effects include, but are not limited to:

- Salmonella (chances of contracting – SLIM TO NONE) This is contracted by handling animals that are kept in stagnant water which inhibits the growth of bacteria. The bacteria is transferred to humans by handling the animals and then doing things such as putting fingers in the eyes, mouth, nose, or other openings of the body.
- Minor local infections (chances of contracting – MINIMAL) Although most of the animals at school will not bite, they can if they choose to do so. Bites from native nonvenomous snakes are, for the most part, harmless. They can be treated like any other minor abrasion – wash with soap and water. An allergic reaction to the saliva of the snake would be the only potential for a more serious injury and chances of that (based on documented cases) is EXTREMELY RARE.

PLEASE feel free to come to any meeting or contact me about anything. Call the school at 646-5100 ext 2301 and leave a message for me to call you back, or email me at monlezunm@duvalschools.org

Michael D. Monlezun
Herpetology Club sponsor

RELEASE FORM

I give my child, _____, permission to handle reptiles and amphibians at school as a part of the Sandalwood Herpetology Club. I have read the accompanying letter outlining any potential hazards associated with the handling of any reptile and/or amphibian during this club. I understand that the risks involved are minimal and that if any accident does occur, no matter how minor, I will be notified in writing in a letter that will be sent home with my child on the day it happens.

parent signature

parents name – printed

relationship to child

Best contact (phone and email)

date