

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in our Tiny Trekker program. Before we add you as a new Trekker family, we ask that you read the following letter so that you know who we are, how we operate, and what we expect of you as a parent. When you respond with the requested information, we will add you to our email invitation list.

Sandy

**Tiny Trekkers is offered as a free service to the community. Trained Master Naturalists from the North Texas Chapter plan and accompany walks the second Friday of each month to area stroller friendly parks and nature areas. We invite parents and/or grandparents to bring their young children to trek with us. We accept children from birth to age 5 when most are in school during the weekday mornings.**

**We are a pretty laid-back group, but we do have a few rules primarily in order to keep the children safe. We do ask that a parent or grandparent accompany the children. We cannot accept guests without prior permission from the leader. This rule is in place to be sure that each child has written permission to be along with us. If we don't have that, then if something should happen to the child during a walk and he/she needed care from an emergency room physician, we would not be able to get the child treated. Some emergency rooms turn children away if there is no parent there to give permission for care.**

**We require an RSVP before the walk. Please give names and ages of the children when you RSVP. We also need a phone number where we can reach you in case we have to cancel the walk at the last minute.**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFO: While we are on the walk, we ask you to be responsible for keeping your own child on the path, with the group, and behind the leader at all times. We also ask that you discuss with your child the need for him/her to refrain from touching anything without a grown-up's permission to do so. There are thorns, poison ivy and stinging insects along the path, but for the most part, you and your child will be very safe with us.**

**All this may sound very structured, but I can assure you that we love young children and we do not expect anything from them or from you that isn't easy to do. We have a great deal of fun and the few rules we do have help to keep it that way!**

**I do hope you will be able to join us. Let me know if you have questions or if there is anything I can do to help you.**

**Thanks! Let me know by responding to this letter, please, if you and your family would like to be put on our invitation list. Please also give me the child's name and age and a phone contact # so I can get you properly registered. Always be sure to RSVP as quickly as you can when you get the invitation giving the names of the participants and a current contact phone number.**

**One more thing, please do not post this to any social media. We keep a private email list for the protection of our families. We do not want unauthorized people to know where and when our walks are held.**

**If you would like to invite a friend to join our Tiny Trekkers, please do not send them the monthly invitation. Instead, have them contact me directly so that they understand our rules and we can maintain our privacy. We will personally issue the invitation to them.**

**We look forward to having your family with us!**

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