



The **California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism** a consortium of State, federal, local, academic institutions, private and non-profit organizations was founded in 1998 to encourage cooperation between public and private entities involved in outdoor recreation, public lands and tourism in California.

With recent concerns about youth detachment from outdoor activities, lack of physical exercise and increased health risks, the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism adopted the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights for the purpose of recommending a fundamental list of experiences that every child in California would benefit from experiencing, before entering high school.

### Every Child Should Have the Opportunity to:

- ✓ Play in a safe place
- ✓ Explore nature
- ✓ Learn to swim
- ✓ Go fishing
- ✓ Follow a trail
- ✓ Camp under the stars
- ✓ Ride a bike
- ✓ Go boating
- ✓ Connect with the past
- ✓ Plant a seed

### Every Kid's Life List



### MISSION

To encourage California's children to participate in outdoor recreational activities and discover their heritage.

### REASON

Numerous studies have shown that children who participate in outdoor recreational activities are healthier, do better in school, have better social skills and self-image, and lead more fulfilled lives.

### OBJECTIVE

That every child in California should, by the end of their 14th year, have the opportunity to experience each of the activities listed within the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a proclamation July 6, 2007 recognizing the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.

The California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, an initiative of the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism, is intended for adoption by local California Parks and Recreation Agencies, and as a model for national dissemination.

For more information on the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism, and a survey of published research that provides substantiation of the benefits of the above listed activities go to: [www.calroundtable.org](http://www.calroundtable.org).