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The Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals congratulates and commends the great state of California on their Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. California has led the growing list of states that have recognized the myriad benefits of outdoor recreation and play in children's lives by adopting a Children's Outdoor Bill Of Rights. As identified by California State Parks, numerous recent studies have shown that children who participate in outdoor recreation are healthier, perform better in school, have better social skills and self-images, and lead more fulfilled lives.

California's Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights believes that every child should have the opportunity to experience the following outdoor activities:

- 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

California's Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights was developed by the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism as a recommended list of outdoor recreation activities every child should experience before entering high school.

SORP is dedicated to the proposition that the welfare of the nation's citizens, visitors, communities, environment, and economy are enhanced through opportunities for the public to experience and enjoy our nation's lakes, rivers, forests, wilderness, open space, greenways, parks, marine preserves, wildlife refuges, historic sites, heritage areas, and other special outdoor places. As the leading association of outdoor recreation and related professionals, we firmly believe that introducing, encouraging, and engaging children to experience our great outdoors helps address some of our current challenges, makes outdoor areas and conservation relevant to their lives, and places them on a path for a promising future.