



Resolution No. 2012-001
Support for the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
Adopted by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Governing Board
June 7, 2012



Whereas, the Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy recognizes the significant concern about youth detachment from the outdoors, lack of physical exercise and the increased health risks associated with childhood obesity; and

Whereas, Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy recognizes that unstructured play in the great outdoors can be a wonderful experience for people of all ages, and especially for our youth; and

Whereas, participating in outdoor activities is not only enjoyable, but also develops an appreciation of California's unique environment; and

Whereas, the California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks and Tourism, a volunteer consortium of public and private organizations has created the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, the Bill of Rights provides that youth between the ages of four and fourteen 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

Whereas, numerous studies document that children who participate in these outdoor recreation activities are healthier, do better in school, have better social skills and self image, and lead more fulfilled lives; and

Whereas, the Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is committed to these goals;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy supports and endorses the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights as a guideline for parents, guardians, parks, communities, health professionals, private enterprises and other entities to encourage children to experience each of the activities listed by the completion of their 14th year. The Governing Board of Sierra Nevada Conservancy will promote the efforts of the California Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights with our partners throughout the Sierra Nevada Region.


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