

AUSTIN CHILDREN'S **OUTDOOR** **BILL** *of* **RIGHTS**

In which every child has the right to:

Climb a tree

Catch a fish

Picnic in a park

Hike a trail

Ride a bike

Splash in a creek or river

Discover plants and wildlife

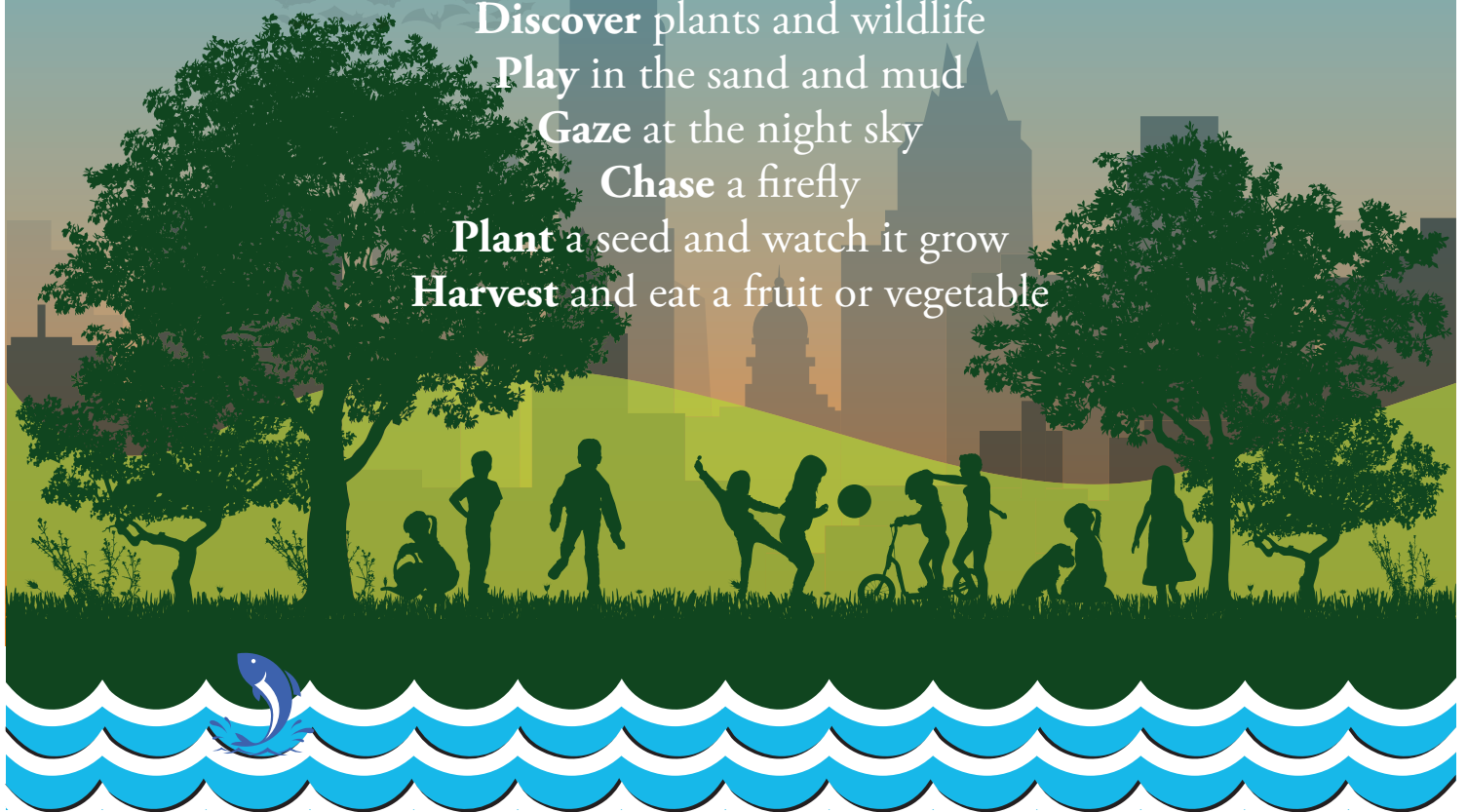
Play in the sand and mud

Gaze at the night sky

Chase a firefly

Plant a seed and watch it grow

Harvest and eat a fruit or vegetable



Understanding that research shows children who learn and play in nature are healthier, happier and perform better in school, we enthusiastically support this Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.

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WHEREAS: Studies show that children who learn and play in nature are healthier, happier and perform better in school.

WHEREAS: Children who have safe access to parks, zoos, nature centers, lakes and rivers, and other public outdoor spaces are more resilient, have higher self-esteem, are more confident, are better problem solvers and are more creative.

WHEREAS: All children should feel welcome at all of Austin's parks, pools, trails, waterways and open spaces.

WHEREAS: Communities in disadvantaged areas with access to nature benefit from greater health equity with lower rates of mortality and disease.

WHEREAS: Children who develop a positive relationship with nature are more likely to become tomorrow's stewards of our natural heritage.

WHEREAS: Through its parks, trails, waterways, open spaces, and other natural spaces, Austin provides a wide variety of quality outdoor opportunities.

**THEREFORE: We support this Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights
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PLEDGE *of* SUPPORT

AUSTIN CHILDREN'S

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WHEREAS:

supports and endorses the Austin Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by signing this declaration,

agrees to promote the Austin Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and commits to using it to increase opportunities for children to learn and play in nature.

Signature: _____

Printed Name/ Title: _____

Date: _____



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