

TICK REMOVAL CONSENT

Parents must sign a Tick Removal Consent Form if you DO or DO NOT want FKO staff members to remove a tick from your child(ren). We will only attempt to remove ticks from exposed skin (arms, legs, neck, etc). WE WILL NOT REMOVE TICKS FROM SENSITIVE AREAS (EYES, EARS, BATHING SUIT AREAS, ETC). We will never use petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove a tick. These methods does not get the tick off the skin, and can cause the insect to burrow deeper and release more saliva (which increases the chances of disease transmission).

HOW TO REMOVE A TICK

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin.
- After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area & your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.
- Dispose of a live tick by submersing it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a tick with your fingers.
- If the parent wants FKO to save the tick for testing: FKO will release the tick into a jar or zip-locked bag.
- An FKO staff member will contact parent and will complete an Incident Report.

1. CHILD'S NAME _____	AGE _____
2. CHILD'S NAME _____	AGE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	I give the FKO staff permission to remove a tick from my child(ren). <u>NOTE: We will not remove ticks from sensitive areas (eyes, ears, bathing suit areas, etc).</u> (If No, please include a contact name and number below so we can contact you). Contact _____ at (_____) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Please save the tick for further testing.
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	I agree to the application of the Tick Repellant (see ingredients below). Tick Repellant Recipe that we use to spray on shoes, socks, and pant cuffs: 20 drops each of Lemongrass and Eucalyptus Essential Oils added to 4 ounces of water and shaken in spray bottle. This is safe for humans and dogs.

FKO WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO COVER ANY COST (IF THERE IS ONE) FOR TESTING.

It is up to the parents to call the doctor after the tick has been removed to find out if your child should be evaluated. In certain cases, a doctor will prescribe antibiotics if a child is at high risk of developing Lyme disease. Call the doctor right away if your child develops a red-ringed rash or if the skin becomes red and irritated. Also call if your child has flu-like symptoms, joint pain or a swollen joint, or facial paralysis. Although other conditions can cause similar symptoms, you'll want to have your child evaluated early on so that if it is Lyme disease, treatment can begin as soon as possible.

People who have removed a tick often wonder if they should have it tested. Some state or local health departments offer tick identification and testing as a community service or for research purposes (such as evaluating infection rates among ticks in an area). Check with your health department; the phone number is usually found in the government pages of the telephone book or online.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TICK REMOVAL POLICY.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

_____/_____/_____
TODAY'S DATE

APRIL 2024