

Registration Package – Kid Commute Walking School Bus 2023

About the Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY):

The Society for Children and Youth of BC is a unique, provincial not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to improve the well-being of children and youth in BC through the advancement of their civic, political, economic, social, cultural and legal rights. Since 1974, the Society has focused on providing a strong voice representing children and youth. SCY seeks Walking School Bus Walk Leaders to support the delivery of this program in metro-Vancouver schools.

About Kid Commute – A Walking School Bus (WSB):

A Walking School Bus is an organized group of children who walk to and from school together with the support of one or more adult leaders. The group walks along a predetermined route with planned stops along the way to pick up more children. TransLink is supporting a WSB program regionally as part of their regional Youth Travel Strategy. The partnership and WSB delivery model are branded as 'Kid Commute: A Walking School Bus'. Kid Commute's 2023 delivery is being coordinated and administered by SCY with core funding provided by TransLink and additional expenses contributed by the participating municipalities. The purpose of Kid Commute includes:

1. **Safety:** Walking in a group with trained adult Walk Leaders ensures that children are visible, supervised, and adhere to road safety rules, promoting a safe journey to and from school.
2. **Physical Health:** Walking to school helps children incorporate exercise into their daily routine, promoting better cardiovascular health, improved concentration, and increased energy levels.
3. **Social Interaction:** The Walking School Bus fosters a sense of community by allowing children to build friendships, engage in conversation, and create lasting memories with their peers.
4. **Environmental Awareness:** By choosing to walk rather than using motorized transportation, children contribute to reducing air pollution and their carbon footprint, promoting a greener and more sustainable future.

Participating family's commitment:

Families participating in the Kid Commute – Walking School Bus program commit to a term from September 2023 – December 2023. During this time, participants and their parents/guardians have the following responsibilities:

- Arrive prepared to their designated WSB Stop at the time denoted on the WSB route and schedule
- Ensure attendance is consistent with the participation days selected during registration

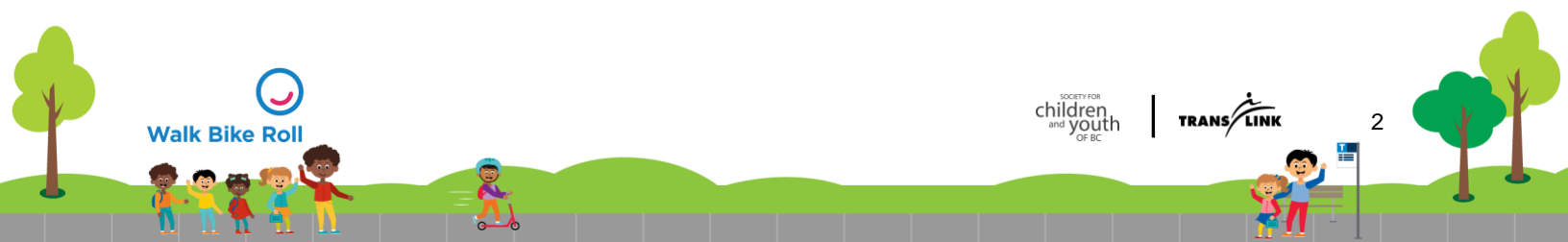


- Make an effort to announce any absence in advance by notifying SCY and/or the route Walk Leader(s) that the student should not be expected on that day/time
- Ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather and arrive prepared to walk
- Provide accurate and up-to-date emergency and non-emergency contact information to SCY
- Ensure a trusted adult is waiting present and on time at the WSB stop after school, if applicable
- The WSB behaviour agreement for participants is understood and followed at all times
- Regularly check the designated WSB route/school WhatsApp group for communications on program updates or schedule changes
- Make sure your student knows where the school yard meeting point is
- Make an effort to contribute to the program as a Walk Leader volunteer, or promotion of the opportunity

Kid Commute Student Behaviour Agreement

Please read these with your participating Kid Commute child(ren). There is a separate document for students included in the registration email that covers the student behaviour agreement. Feel free to print the student package and go through it together!

- I will stay together with my leader(s) and my group.
- I will only cross a street with my leader(s) and my group. I won't ever cross a street ahead of my group.
- I will follow the directions of my leader(s).
- I will always look both ways before I cross a street, even if my group is already crossing!
- I will be respectful and kind to other students and my leader.
- I will arrive at my bus stop on time and be ready to walk in the morning.
- I will meet at my after-school meeting place on time.



Route and Program Information

School:

- Bayview Elementary School
- École Braemar Elementary
- École Dorothy Lynas Elementary
- École Qayqayt Elementary
- Edith Cavell Elementary School
- Queensborough Elementary School
- Wək'wahəs tə syaqwə Elementary School

Route, if applicable:

- Northern Route
- Southern Route

Pick-up/Drop-off Stop Number:

- 1 2 3 4

Can the student(s) walk to and from the stop unaccompanied?

- Yes No

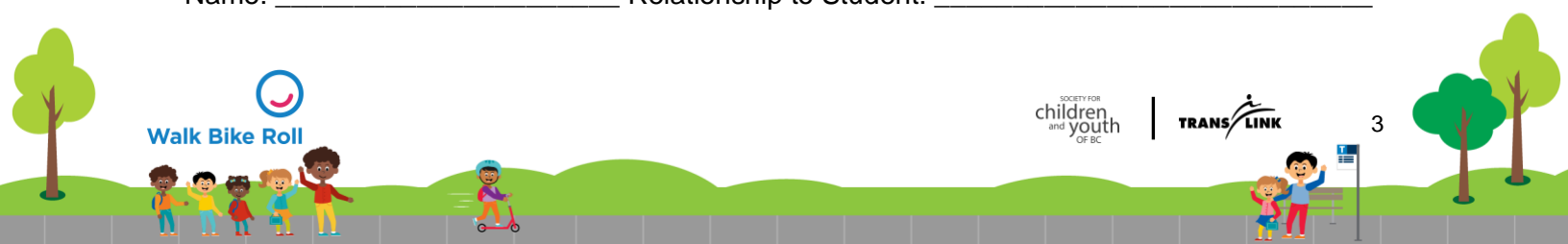
If no, please list the name(s) of the adult(s) we can expect to drop-off/ pick-up the student(s):

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

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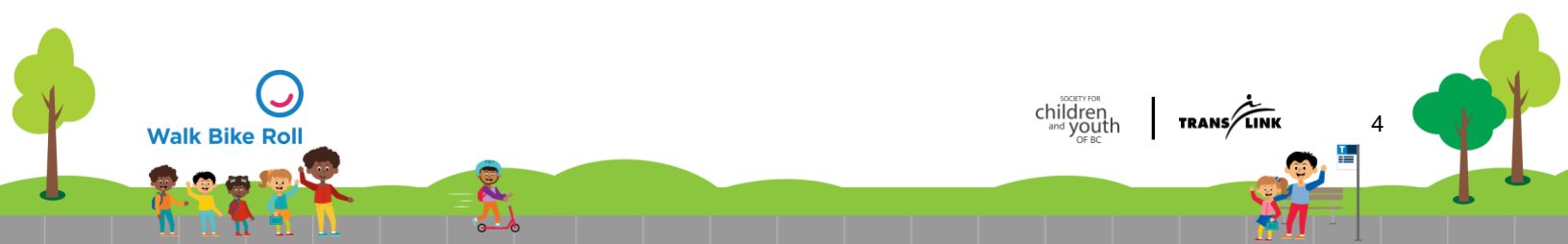
Participation Days:

Monday	AM	PM
Tuesday	AM	PM
Wednesday	AM	PM
Thursday	AM	PM
Friday	AM	PM

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian/Family (grandparent, family friend) Volunteer, if applicable:

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____



Personal Information and Emergency Contacts

Student(s) Name(s) and grade level(s):

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s):

Contact Information for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

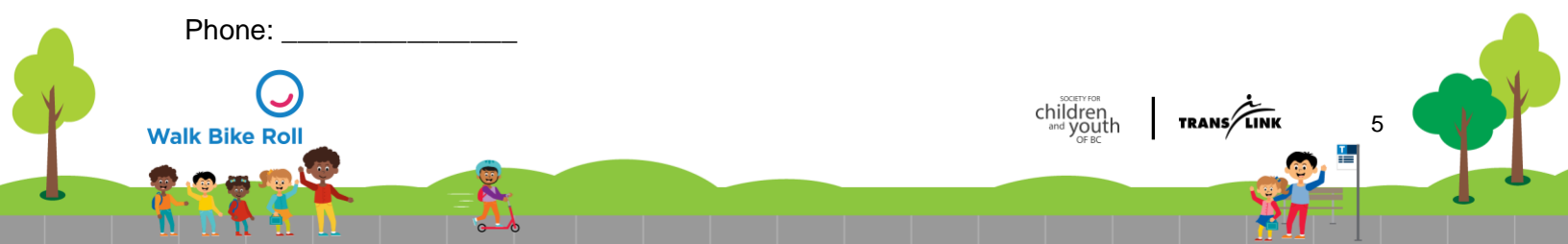
Person(s) to Contact in Case of Emergency or for Non-Emergent Assistance:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Relationship: _____

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Other Information:

Note: If this registration is on behalf of multiple students, please indicate which student the information applies to.

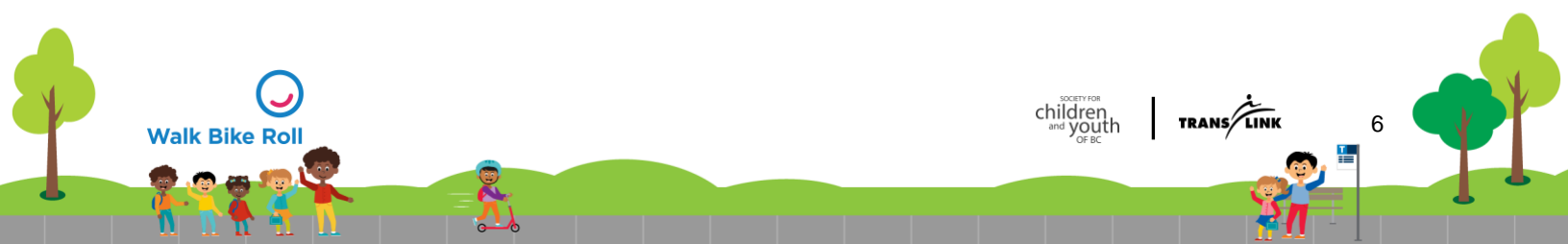
Does the student(s) have any dietary restrictions? Yes No

If yes, please list:

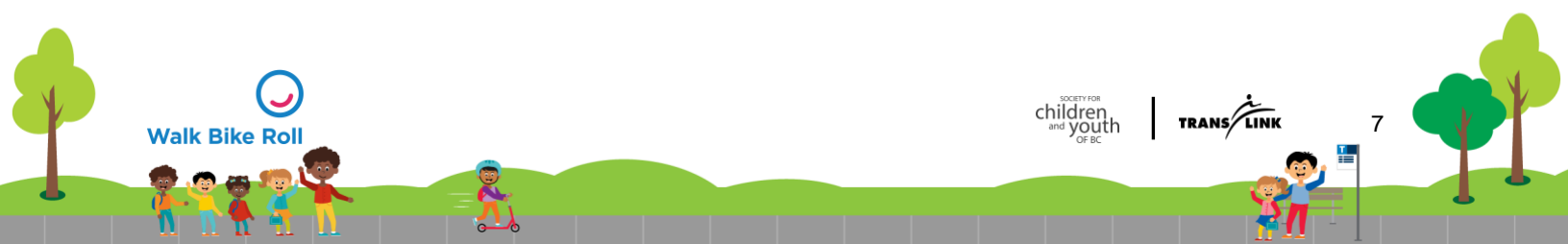
Do the student(s) have any allergies? Yes No

If yes, please list and provide any information on the severity of the allergy and any information related to treatment in case of emergency:

Please provide any additional information/instructions related to matters that may require assistance in case of emergency:



Is there any other information you would like to share with us about your child(s)' participation in the Kid Commute program?



Consent for SCY to use Photographic, Audio and/or Video Recordings

I AUTHORIZE, free of charge and forever, the recording and/or photographing (the "Released Media") of myself/my child by SCY, TransLink, City of Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, City of New Westminster and their respective affiliates, agents, and employees. Examples include without limitation: use in program brochures, on public displays, and through the Internet in any format or medium, including web-posting, web-streaming, and social media ("Examples"). I understand that my/my child's name or any other personal information regarding the identification by name of myself/my child (except as contained in the actual photograph or recording) will require my additional consent.

- YES, I authorize SCY to record, photograph, and use the Released Media of my child/myself as described to promote any WSB programs or events.
- NO, I do not authorize the SCY to record, photograph, and use the Released Media of my child/myself as described.

General Terms for Released Media:

I acknowledge there will be no money or other compensation payable by SCY to me for the Released Media. The copyright in the Released Media is and will remain the exclusive property of SCY and its affiliates. I agree that SCY is granted free of charge and forever the right to edit and modify the Released Media as it sees fit without my/ my child's consent (otherwise known as "waiver" of artistic or moral rights under copyright law).

I understand that this consent form is legally binding and so affects my child's/my legal rights on the basis set out above.

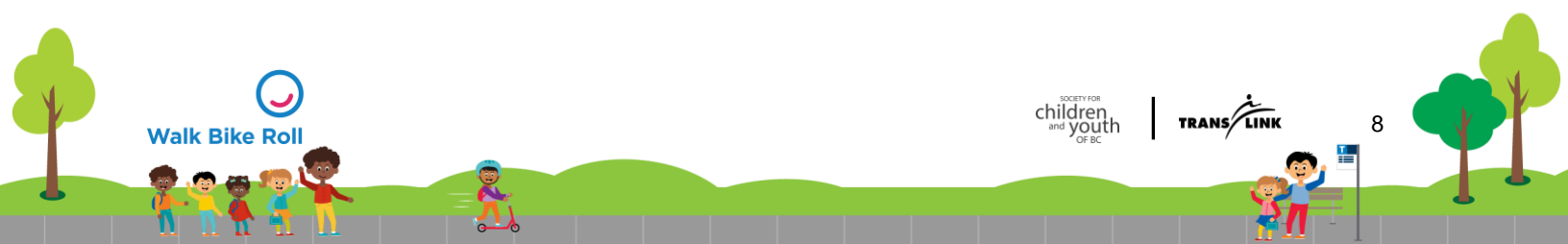
Parent/Legal Guardian:

Signature

Print Name

Date

Telephone Number



Acknowledgment of Risks for Children's Commute - a Walking School Bus Initiative

I, [Parent/Guardian Name], hereby acknowledge and understand the potential risks associated with my child's participation in Kid Commute - a Walking School Bus program delivered by the Society for Children and Youth of BC. I have read and understood the following information and voluntarily consent to my child's involvement in this activity.

Risks include but are not limited to:

1. **Nature of the Activity:** Kid Commute involves children walking to and from school as a group, accompanied by adult volunteers or staff members. The route may include public sidewalks, crosswalks, intersections, and trails.
2. **Traffic and Pedestrian Hazards:** I understand that walking in proximity to vehicular traffic involves certain risks, including but not limited to the potential for accidents, collisions, or injuries caused by motorists, cyclists, or other pedestrians. I also understand that despite the measures taken by the Society for Children and Youth of BC, including the careful design of the walking route, strict adult:child ratios, and trained Walk Leaders, there remains the possibility of unforeseen circumstances, including negligence on behalf of the Walk Leaders, that may contribute to risks associated with walking to and from school.
3. **Weather and Environmental Conditions:** I acknowledge that weather and environmental conditions, such as inclement weather, uneven terrain, poor visibility, or other natural factors, may increase the risks associated with walking to and from school.
4. **Personal Responsibility:** I understand that it is my responsibility as a parent/guardian to ensure my child's readiness for participation in Kid Commute – a Walking School Bus program. This includes ensuring that my child wears appropriate clothing, footwear, is capable of following instructions from adult volunteers or staff members and behaves responsibly during the walk.
5. **Emergency Medical Treatment:** In the event of an accident, injury, or illness during my child's participation in the program, I authorize the Society for Children and Youth of BC to seek medical treatment or emergency assistance as deemed necessary. I understand that I will be responsible for any associated medical costs.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and am giving my informed consent to my child participating in Kid Commute – a Walking School Bus initiative. I understand and consent to the potential risks involved.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

