



STAFF REPORT
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City Council Meeting 9.11.2020
Board Meeting Date:

Agenda Item Wording: Earth Native Instructor Agreement

Agenda Item Requestor: David Scott Earth Native

Summary/Background:

Founded in 2011 in Austin, TX, Earth Native Wilderness School tirelessly works to help our students build lifelong connections to the outdoors. We do this through offering unique, fun, and informative courses that not only enliven but also lead our students down an incredible path of discovery and greater self-reliance.

So much of our lives these days are co-opted by electronics, cramped indoor spaces, and stress. But there is a whole other world waiting for us outside, one full of mystery, wonder, healing, and connection. So many studies have revealed how much people need nature and that regular time spent outdoors leads us to healthier, happier, less stressful, and more fulfilled lives.

At Earth Native we understand that while wonderful, nature can also be daunting and intimidating at times. We therefore strive to be a bridge helping people and communities not only learn new life-enhancing skills that lead to greater confidence and fun in the outdoors, but also to provide a space for people who are interested in learning more about the wonder of nature to come and develop their skill and connection in a community setting.

This will be Earth Native's 2nd year offering outdoor wilderness education classes at DSRP. They are adhering to all Covid-19 recommended precautions including small group ratios of 10 (including instructor), social distancing and masks.

Dates at DSRP for the 2020-2021 year: September 14 & 28 | October 12 & 26 | November 9 & 30 | December 14 | January 4 & 18 | February 1 & 15 | March 1 & 22 | April 5 & 19 | May 3 & 17. Each class is held in the park from 9am-3pm

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Recommendations:

Unanimously recommended approval.

Recommended
Council Actions:

Attachments:

2020 Earth Native Wilderness School Instructor Contract (fee has not increased)

Next Steps/Schedule:

Contact Mr. Scott and inform him of the Board's decision. Place dates on the Park/Event Center on-line calendar and link as a Partner Program to the PCS website and Facebook page.