Dear Linwood Farms Families,

Welcome to the “Nature Kids Who Care” club in our neighborhood! We are looking forward to a fantastic year full of nature learning and hands-on activities designed to develop leaders for our environment.
Before I begin to go into what we will be focusing on- let me tell everyone a little about myself: my name is Brooke Gutschick and my family and I live on Edgington Street. I have lived in North Carolina for 3 years, before that I lived in Orlando, Florida. I grew up in Florida and I was always outside exploring nature. I believe it was in my childhood that I developed a deep love of nature. Ever since I was old enough to drive and make my own decisions about how I was going to spend my time, I felt a calling to make a difference in our environment. I volunteered at a local ECO Store that promoted environmentalism. When I decided to be a teacher, I wanted to

incorporate nature learning and instill a love for the environment within my classroom. I believe I am on my way to bringing nature learning into my classroom along with my school. I am working on my Environmental Educational Certification in the state of North Carolina and one of the requirements is to do a service project that incorporates the teachings of environmental issues and the local public. So, that is just one of the reasons that I am beginning this group within our neighborhood. Another reason is I have three wonderful (and sometimes challenging) daughters and they want to make a difference in their world. I thought this was a great way to get the best of both worlds!!

"Nature Kids Who Care" at Linwood Farms was inspired by one of my students who live here in the neighborhood. After celebrating Earth Day in a big way at Parkview, Isabel Wright asked her mom if she could start a nature club in the neighborhood. Her mom then told me Isabel's idea and we began thinking of names and activities.

"Nature Kids Who Care"

*this club is a work in progress…

*the kids are going to be participating in organizing, leading, and following through with activities and service projects

*the curriculum and activities and designed by educators of North Carolina and all activities meet and exceed North Carolina's Standard Course of Study for grades K-12.

*these activities are fun and promote team working and problem solving.

*we will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, please e-mail or phone if your child will not be there for a meeting.

*our meetings will be organized and last about 2 hours from 2pm-4pm.

*we will be exploring the creek area and out lying woods area for specific projects. (not every meeting but once a month for sure)

*we are in the process of designing shirts for our club. They are polo shirts with our logo embroidered on the front. They cost approximately $18.00. (more info to come)

*please sign the attached waiver that allows your child to be under my care and that I am not liable if accidents happen.

*bring a towel to meetings to sit on and maybe a water bottle.

*I will have a first aid kit with me at all times and a cell phone. My husband will be with us on most outings to the creek and any other walking adventures in the neighborhood.

*please let me know if you have any questions….brookegutschick@mgsd.k12.nc.us and my number is 704-746-7511 !! Thanks for your involvement!!! Brooke Gutschick*

Waiver for “Nature Kids Who Care” Club at Linwood Farms

Child’s name_____

Parent’s name_____

Address_____
_____

I ,_____ will not hold Brooke Gutschick responsible for accidents that might occur to my child_____ during club meetings in Linwood Farms. I know the risks of insect bites, scratches , and common injuries that can happen when outside.

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signature of parent
_____date

Contacts:

Mother's
name_____
Father's
name_____

Home
number_____
Cell
number_____
Cell
number_____
e-mail
address_____
Allergies or other health
information:_____
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