

HORSE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM FOR INDIVIDUALS

This form must be completed by and for each participant.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. THIS STABLE(Camp Allegheny) DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

A. REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE---In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I the following listed individual, and the parent of legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby agree to hire from THIS STABLE a horse, tack and equipment, personnel and trail for the purpose of horseback riding today ____/____ and on all future dates:

RIDERS NAME: _____ AGE (if under 21): _____

WEIGHT (Are you over 240 lbs? Circle which one applies) YES NO

HORSE RIDING EXPERIENCE (check which one applies) _____ BEGINNER (under 10 hours)
_____ OVER 10 HOURS

Does this rider have physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, and/or disabilities which may affect his/her safety and ability to ride a horse: (circle which one applies) YES NO

If yes, please describe here: _____

***Write initials below or after reading each section. Parents or Guardians must also initial.**

B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS--- This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered rider, and the parents or legal guardians thereof in a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS STABLE'S physical location. Any dispute by the rider shall be litigated in and venue shall be the county in which THIS STABLE is physically located. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "HORSE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "I" "ME" "MY" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof in a minor.

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C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION---I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. I/WE further understand that applicant may be participating in a "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE" and that the meaning of this term is defined as follows: THE PURSUIT OF ADVENTURE TYPE ACTIVITY IN A WILD, RUGGED, AND UNCULTIVATED AREA OR REGION, AS OF FOREST and/or HILLS AND INHABITED BY WILD ANIMALS OF MANY TYPES AND SPECIES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO MAMMALS, REPTILES, AND INSECT, WHICH ARE NOT TAME, MAY BE SAVAGE AND UNPREDICTABLE IN NATURE AND ALSO WANDERING AT THEIR WILL.

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D. NATURE OF STABLE HORSES---I UNDERSTAND THAT: THIS STABLE chooses its rental horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use as riding horses for novice and beginning riders, and THIS STABLE follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 1/2 feet to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on another much larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping short; Changing directions, or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger.

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E. RIDER RESPONSIBILITY--- I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reigns the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety, and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. THIS STABLE advises pregnant women not to ride horses, unless permission is given under advice of her physician.

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F. CONDITIONS OF NATURE---I UNDERSTAND THAT: THIS STABLE is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural.

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G. CARRY- ON OBJECTS AND SHARP NOISES--- I UNDERSTAND THAT: Riders must not carry loose items on rides which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Cameras, hats not securely fastened under chin, toys, purses. Riders must not make sharp, loud noises, such as screaming or yelling, which may scare a horse.

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H. SADDLE GIRTHS NATURAL LOOSENING: I UNDERSTAND THAT: Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the nearest guide or wrangler as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.

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I. PROJECTIVE HEADGEAR OFFERING: I, for myself and/or for my child and/or legal ward, have been offered protective headgear (riding helmet) by THIS STABLE, and do understand that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries, and may even prevent death happening as the result of a fall or other occurrence. It is understood that STABLE-PROVIDED protective headgear may not be of perfect fit for each rider's head, and that once provided I/WE will be responsible for securing the helmet of this rider's head at all times. Mark an "X" below in the box before the statement which describes your choice to wear, or not to wear, STABLE-PROVIDED protective headgear:

() I/WE REQUEST TO WEAR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WHICH THIS STABLE PROVIDES.

() I/WE WILL PROVIDE MY/OUR OWN PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR FOR RIDING.

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J. LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of THIS STABLE allowing my participation in the activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider and the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless release THIS STABLE< its owners, agents, employees, officers, members, premises owners, insurers, and affiliated organizations from liable due to THIS STABLE'S ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS STABLE'S gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions, and cause of action and/or litigation against THIS STABLE and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS STABLE< to include while riding , handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of THIS STABLE.

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ALL RIDERS AND PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS MUST SIGN BELOW AFTER READING THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS: I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE, FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, EXPERIENCE AND AGE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER (Spouses must sign for themselves)

DATE

FOR
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND OR SPOUSE #1

DATE

FOR
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND OR SPOUSE #2

DATE

ADDRESS IN FULL _____

PHONE _____