Horseback Riding & Equine Activity Waiver

The Activity

I wish to take part, or allow my child to take part, in equine activities provided by , which may include riding lessons, trail rides, pony rides, grooming, tacking up, leading, feeding and being near horses, as well as camps, clinics and events on or off the property (the "Activity").

State Equine Activity Warning

[Insert the warning notice required by your state's equine activity liability law here, using the exact wording and any formatting the statute requires.]

The Nature of Horses

I understand that horses are large, powerful animals that can be unpredictable regardless of their training, temperament or past behavior. A horse may react to sounds, movements, objects, other animals, people or its surroundings in ways that cannot be anticipated. I understand that horses may:

- spook, shy, bolt, buck, rear, kick, bite, stumble, fall or step on people;
- move suddenly while being led, tied, groomed, mounted or dismounted;
- react to other horses, dogs, wildlife, vehicles, wind, flags or loud noises; and
- behave differently with an inexperienced rider.

Risks of Riding and Handling Horses

I understand that the Activity carries inherent risks that cannot be eliminated, including:

- falling or being thrown from a horse, which can cause fractures, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, paralysis or death;
- being kicked, bitten, crushed, stepped on or dragged;
- failure or movement of tack and equipment, such as saddles slipping or bridles breaking;
- trail conditions including uneven or slippery ground, branches, water crossings, holes, rocks and steep terrain;
- weather, heat, insects, plants and wildlife; and
- collisions with other horses and riders, and delays in reaching medical help on remote trails.

Rider Disclosure

I have honestly described my riding experience and my weight, height and physical condition to . I understand that relies on this information to choose a suitable horse and activity, and that overstating my experience increases my risk. I understand may refuse to let me ride if I exceed its weight limit or if it believes riding would be unsafe for me.

Rider Rules

I agree to:

- wear a properly fitted, certified riding helmet when required by , and I understand helmets are strongly recommended for all riders;

- wear closed-toe boots or shoes with a small heel, and long pants;
- follow all instructions from guides and instructors and stay in my assigned position on trail rides;
- keep a safe distance from other horses and never walk directly behind a horse;
- not run, trot or leave the group unless instructed;
- not ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and
- tell staff immediately if I feel unsafe or unable to control my horse.

Health

I confirm that I have no medical condition, such as a heart, back, bone or balance condition, pregnancy or recent surgery, that would make the Activity unsafe for me, or that I have consulted a physician. I have disclosed allergies, including to horses, hay or insect stings.

Assumption of Risk and Release

I voluntarily accept all inherent risks of equine activities. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release , its owners, employees, guides, instructors and the owners of horses and land used for the Activity from all claims for injury, death or property damage arising from the Activity, including claims based on ordinary negligence, except claims for gross negligence or willful misconduct and any liability that cannot be waived under applicable law.

Indemnification

I will indemnify against claims arising from my failure to follow rules or instructions, or from injury or damage caused by me.

Medical Treatment

If I or my child are injured, I authorize to provide first aid and obtain emergency medical treatment and transport, at my expense.

Minors

If the rider is under 18, I am their parent or legal guardian and agree to this waiver on their behalf and my own, to the extent permitted by law. I will make sure the minor follows all rules and wears a helmet.

General

If any part of this waiver is unenforceable, the rest remains in effect. It is governed by the laws of the state or country in which operates.

Please initial each statement

___ I am at least 18 years old or am the parent or legal guardian of the rider.

___ I understand horses are unpredictable and riding carries a risk of serious injury or death.

___ I have honestly disclosed my riding experience, weight and relevant health conditions.

___ I will wear a helmet as required and follow all instructions from guides and instructors.

___ I have read the state equine activity warning and release {{business}} as described, to the extent permitted by law.

Participant full name

Date

Date of birth

Phone

Email

Emergency contact name & phone

Name(s) of minor participant(s)

Parent / guardian name

Signature