



Special Activity Horseback Riding Participation Agreement

Each participant and/or their parent must sign this agreement before the program begins. Without all appropriate signatures, the individual may not be permitted to participate in the program. All campers should complete this form.

The recipient(s) of this form is/are hereby warned as follows:

Section 1. Protective Attire and Activities

All of the following protective attire is required for every rider at Camp Logan. Helmets will be provided.

- A. **Protective Head Gear** Each participant must wear properly fitted and secured protective headgear (equestrian helmet), preferably bearing the STANDARD ASTMF emblem. Wearing of such headgear while driving, mounting, riding, dismounting, and being around horses may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries and may even prevent death as a result of a fall and/or other occurrences. Required riding helmets are provided by the camp.
- B. **Foot Protection** Horse handlers, riders and drivers should wear hard, smooth-soled shoes with heels or riding boots with heels (and socks) to provide protection for the feet in event that a horse steps on a foot, and also to assist in preventing the foot from slipping all the way through the stirrup and becoming caught while riding, mounting, dismounting, and/or other occurrences. Soft socks provide additional protection against chafing and allow for easier removal of the foot from the boot.
- C. **Clothing** Horse handlers, riders, and drivers should wear long pants to protect legs, and riders should also consider wearing equestrian pants, breeches or jodhpurs with leather inner knee/calf patches, or chaps, or other leggings that provide inner leg grip and added stability in the saddle.
- D. All participants will begin riding in the riding ring. As the total group and individual girls' ability increases groups may have the opportunity to ride outside of the ring in the pasture, on the camp roads, camp trails, and other areas as appropriate with their skills as determined by the Equestrian Manager.

Section 2. Inherent Risks

- A. **Nature of the Horse** Horseback riding and horse driving is classified as Rugged Adventure Recreational Sport Activity and there are numerous obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. 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 fall from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3½ to 5½ feet, and the impact may result in serious injury to the rider. Horseback riding/horse driving is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal, the human, tries to control and become one unit of movement with another much larger, strong prey animal, the horse, with each having 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 direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, or running from what it perceives as danger.

Statement of Awareness

WARNING:

UNDER INDIANA LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO, OR DEATH OF, A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

I/We have read and do understand the foregoing warnings concerning horse activities.

Participant Signature

Participant Printed Name and Age (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian Signature (required if participant is under 18 years of age) Parent/Guardian Printed Name Date

Emergency Contact Name and Number