



THIS PLACE

Let me tell you of a place,
where calm and quiet reign.
A breeze that whispers cross your face,
and makes you feel again.

In this place of peace and hope,
I begin to feel once more.
I pray it will not leave me soon,
the sense of hope and joy.

The pine trees swaying in the breeze,
the dawn that lights the sky.
I set myself under the trees,
and watch His wonder come alive.

He may not see it in my eyes,
I know he hears my prayers.
I thank the Maker for this place,
the place that healed my heart.

Alisha Shank

IMAGE OF HOPE HORSE RANCH

About Image of Hope

A Gift From God....

Image of Hope was founded on faith and the belief that with God all things are possible. It was through the faith of the founders that Image of Hope Ranch was born.

The first time we looked at the property in the fall of 2013 we knew this was the one. Most people looked at it and could not see our vision. We heard “tear the house down it can’t be saved” or “too much work to put into it” and many other comments.

It was a mess, the barns, house, and fences needed a lot of work, but for the next two years we dug our heels in and remodeled the house, rebuilt the stalls, built new paddocks and are currently working on fencing for the pastures. This needed to be done in order to start our ministry of giving back; helping people who are broken because of “life” whether it be victims of abuse, bullying, depression, low self-esteem or people who have just lost hope.

Watching the emotional healing that horses have done with our own daughter and the physical healing through our niece we were inspired to help others through the unconditional love of horses. The ranch has a serene feeling of peace and we have watched visitors come to the place with the weight of the world on their shoulders and leave with hope and a new outlook on life. It is a sanctuary where healing takes place whether you are riding or working a horse, talking life’s problems over with a horse or just relaxing by reading and dreaming.

Image of Hope Today

Currently, Image of Hope Ranch serves the Northeast Indiana area. We have ten horses and ponies available that are paired with one leader and one child or adult for a 60 minute session. Some of these horses have been rescued themselves and have a story of their own that prove what unconditional love and care can do.

These sessions are designed to be adaptable to meet the distinctive needs of each person. Instead of being lost in a group, every child, teenager or adult is nurtured by a leader who shares in his or her individual challenges and victories. Through hands-on experience they are taught the values of hope, family, trust, faith and unconditional love.

Sadly this is a generation of brokenness within individuals and families. Whether it is because of divorce, abuse, bullying, or the many life challenges that are faced we at Image of Hope Ranch seek to help with healing for all who come visit.

Statement of Faith

Image of Hope Ranch is a faith-based organization and is not associated with any particular denomination. Our belief is based upon the same values that our nation was built on. The founders believe in a God who sent His Son Jesus Christ for us. It is our desire to serve God by the demonstration of our faith through action. Our faith is demonstrated through "living example" to those who surround us. It is our highest honor to serve others with the same loving grace that has so freely been given to us.

Mission/Vision Statement

Image of Hope Ranch exists to heal the soul and offer hope for the broken through encouragement and unconditional love, empowering them to be more than they think they are.

What Are Our Goals?

It is our goal to provide a safe place for children, teenagers and adults to let go of their troubles even if it's for an hour. A place where they can experience hope and healing. A sanctuary where the bullying peer, the failed marriage, or the abuse can be forgotten at least for a while.

This is done by inviting children, teenagers and adults to come and experience the relaxation and peace of spending time with horses. We work hard to pair the child or adult with a horse that will help them move forward in their life and learn to trust again, to heal, and to grow stronger.

All activities are one on one with a trained leader and are chosen at the discretion of that leader. They may groom, work with or ride a horse. Or maybe just spend time petting and talking to the horse. A time where they won't be judged, bullied or hurt. The activity is decided on the basis of the comfort level of the child or adult.

Our second goal is to educate children and adults on equine safety and how to take care of the animals. They may learn how to safely lead or ride a horse, also groom, halter, tack up, and the care of horses. This experience will help build back the self-esteem that may have been broken down in their life.

How Can I Participate?

Our program is open to children and adults ages 5 to 80. In certain circumstances age exceptions are considered. We understand that everyone faces their own unique set of challenges, so the child or adult must want to participate. Our leaders work hard to adapt the program to meet the individual need of the child or adult.

We do not wish to turn anyone away, but there are a limited number of sessions available for each week. Although we cannot guarantee a session for everyone who wants one, we do our best to accommodate as many as possible.

To sign up for a session call us at 260-409-9860. Because we spend a lot of time at the barn with the horses, we may not answer immediately but please leave a message and we will return your call within 24 hours.

What Will My Session Look Like?

The goal of our session is to encourage the child or adult toward hope. This process can be very different for each person as no one has the same personality or experiences. There are however some parts that are generally included in each session.

Chores: Every child/adult and Session Leader pair will complete a small chore during the session. This time is to help teach the importance of serving and caring for others whether it be a peer or a horse. It also teaches good work ethics which is a valuable life tool to learn and it gives the Session Leader a chance to evaluate and understand the child or adult so that they can gain a good perspective on how to best use the rest of the session time.

Working With The Horses: Most people come to Image of Hope Ranch because of the horses. Whether they have had experience with horses or not there is just something that draws people to them. During this time they will learn to correctly handle, groom, ride, round pen and develop a relationship with a horse. Each session depends on the needs of the child or adult and the horse for that particular day.

Mentoring: Sometimes the need is to just be heard. Just to sit and have someone listen without judgment. Our Session Leaders are trained to be just that, an ear to listen and an open heart that cares.

What Is The Cost?

By the grace of God, Image of Hope is able to offer each session at no charge. Image of Hope Ranch has been blessed with caring people who see our vision and therefore donate funds to cover the costs needed to provide these sessions.

What Do I Need To Wear For My Session?

- Shoes/boots with closed toes are required. Shoes/boots with little or no tread and a heel are recommended.
- Long pants are recommended for riding.
- Nothing is permitted to be hanging down around the neck or tied around the waist while riding.
- No crop tops or short shorts.
- Indiana weather is ever changing and layered clothing is always a good idea.
- We recommend that you bring your own water bottle and sunscreen.
- Helmets are required for riding and are provided by Image of Hope for your use.

Release Forms

Our insurance requires that every visitor completes an Image of Hope Ranch and a Whispering Pines Horse Ranch release form every calendar year regardless of the nature of your visit.

- If a child is brought by someone who is not their legal guardian, the ranch must have both current release forms completed (upon their arrival) by the child's parent/guardian in order for him/her to participate in any ranch activity.

Blank release forms are available at the ranch during session hours. You may also visit our website at www.imageofhoperanch.org to print off the releases.

Information For Parents/Guardians/Caretakers

For children under the age of 13, we require that a child's parent, guardian or approved caretaker be on the property at all times during their child's session. Initial _____

Adults and siblings or friends who do not have a session have some options. Children must be supervised by an adult. We hope for this time to be relaxing and enjoyable for all who come. Here are some ideas for that time, as well as some general safety rules:

- Read or relax in one of the many areas provided. Please ask a leader if further information is needed.
- Seek out one of the many private benches or chairs on the ranch for quiet reflection and prayer.
- Get plugged in as a Local Volunteer.
- Play or be involved with your kids who are not in sessions. Please keep these children with you at all times.
- Watch your children ride during their session. We do ask that you watch from a distance and help us to maintain a one-on-one relationship with your child.
- Taking pictures is permitted and encouraged. Again, we ask parents to use discernment regarding giving space to their child and leader during the session.
- The horses love to welcome visitors. We invite you to meet them over the fence or at their stall. However, please obey the stall signs, do not enter the paddocks or stalls or feed any treats.

**Image of Hope Ranch, Inc.
5499 County Road 31
Auburn, IN 46706
260-409-9860**

For Office Use Only	
Start Date	_____
Address Change	_____
Guardianship Change	_____

Equine riding and/or participation in other stable activities Liability Release and Assumption of Risk agreement.

Name: _____ **Male or Female**

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

Relationship to Participant: _____

Medical Insurance Information:

Name of Insurance: _____

Does this participant have any physical or mental conditions which may affect his/her ability and safety to ride, groom, or perform groundwork with a horse and/or operate machinery?

YES _____ **NO** _____

If yes how can we help them with their needs _____

*If any of this information changes please let us know so we can update our file.

I, the above listed individual hereinafter known as the "PARTICIPANT" and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily agree to participate in all activities including horse riding as a student of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, and that if I ride a horse provided by Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, I will do so for instruction purposes.

AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS

This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered PARTICIPANT, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if 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 the county of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC physical location. This agreement is intended to be valid and binding at all times now and in the future when Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC permits me (directly or indirectly) to enter the property of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, be near any horse, receiving or giving any riding and/or training instruction or guidance from its associates and/or when I am near horses on or off of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC property receiving or giving instruction. Any disputes by the PARTICIPANT shall be litigated in, and venue shall be the county in which Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC is physically located. This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as the law permits. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "HORSE" and "EQUINE" herein shall refer to all equine species. Terms „I, WE", "ME", "MY", shall herein refer to the above registered participant and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

INHERENT RISKS/ASSUMPTION OF RISKS I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: Risks, conditions, and dangers are inherent in (meaning an integral part of) horse/equine/animal activities/stable activities, regardless of all feasible safety measures which can be taken, and I agree to assume them. The inherent risk include, but are not limited to any of the following: the propensity of an animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, death, or loss to persons on or around the animals; the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; a collision, encounter and/or confrontation with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object. The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, harm, death, or loss to the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine and/or failing to act within the ability of the participant. Horses are 5-15 times larger, 20-40 times more powerful, and 3-4 times faster than a human. If a participant falls from horse to ground it will generally be a distance of from 3.5 to 5.5 feet and the impact may result in harm to the participant. Horseback riding and equine training are activities in which one much smaller, weaker predator (the human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit

of movement with, another much larger, stronger prey animal that has a mind of its own (the 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; Spinning around; Changing directions and/or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking; Rearing; Kicking; Biting and/or Running from danger. I also acknowledge that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume others not mentioned above. I am not relying on Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC to list all possible risks for me.

CONDITIONS OF NATURE WARNING, UNFAMILIAR AND SUDDEN SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND MOVEMENTS WARNING, AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES I/WE AGREE THAT: Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature and/or sudden and/or unfamiliar sights, sounds and/or sudden movements that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way.

SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, 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 and manmade changes in landscape. I also understand that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume others mentioned not mentioned above. I am not relying on Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC to list all possible conditions for me. The participant and parent or legal guardian have inspected Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for this participant's intended purpose, usage and presence upon Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC premises.

SADDLE GIRTH/NATURAL LOOSENING I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: Saddle girths (fastener straps around horse's belly) may loosen during riding. Participants must alert the instructor or attendant of any girth looseness so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and the potential for the participant to fall from the horse.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR/HELMET WARNING I/WE AGREE THAT: I for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward have been fully warned and advised by Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC that protective headgear/helmet, which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet, should be worn while riding and/or driving, and/or working with and/or being near horses, and I understand that the wearing of such headgear/helmet at these times may reduce severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences. I also understand that anyone including myself if I am under the age of 18 am REQUIRED to wear a helmet at ALL times that I am riding a horse on the property of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC or away from the property if I am participating in an activity with Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC. I am not relying on Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC and/or its associates to monitor my compliance with this suggestion or check any headgear/helmet or headgear/helmet strap that I may wear at any time now or in the future.

INDIANA EQUINE LAW WARNING OR LANGUAGE: I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: I have reviewed this state's INDIANA EQUINE LAW WARNING OR LANGUAGE, a copy of which is attached hereto, and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

INSTRUCTION TO SIGNERS: DO NOT SIGN UNLESS A COPY OF THE INDIANA EQUINE LAW WARNING OR LANGUAGE IS ATTACHED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

MEDICAL INSURANCE I/WE AGREE THAT: Should medical treatment be required, land/or my medical insurance company shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses.

Please check all that currently apply to this PARTICIPANT:

- _____ Under AGE 18
- _____ Over 240 lbs.
- _____ Under 10 hours riding experience

Please complete one form per individual visiting Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC.

PHOTO RELEASE I/WE RELEASE: all rights to photos taken of you or the above mentioned for future use by Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, its founders, leaders and/or Board of Directors in ranch publications, videos, books newsletters, etc. Initial _____

SAFETY AGREEMENT I/WE AGREE: to stay out of all stalls, paddocks, corrals, tack-rooms, office and all other non-office related buildings while waiting for horse related or other activities, or while waiting for a participant or leader.

LIABILITY RELEASE I/WE AGREE THAT: In consideration of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I the participant, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns do agree to release, hold harmless and Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on their behalf (herein after, collectively referred to as "associates") of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC and/or its associates ordinary negligence or legal liability; and I do further agree that except in the event of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC gross negligence and /or willful and/or wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC and its associates as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury and/or death and/or property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, to include while riding, driving, training, handling or otherwise being near horses owned by me or owned by

Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, or in the care, custody or control of Image of Hope Ranch, Inc. and/or Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, whether on or off the premises of Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC, but not limited to being on Whispering Pines Horse Ranch, LLC premises. All Participants and/or Legal Guardians* must sign below after reading this entire document.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/WE THE UNDERSIGNED, REPRESENT THAT I/WE HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENTS, LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OR RISK AGREEMENTS, I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I AM GIVING UP RIGHTS TO SUE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE. I/WE ATTEST THAT ALL FACGTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE. I AM SIGNING THIS WHILE OF SOUND MIND AND NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR INTOXICANTS. (If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises the Participant (or parent/ guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the Participant (or parent/guardian) and the ranch board cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.)

_____	_____
Signature of Participant (required for anyone age 13 and over)	Date

_____	_____
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian* (required for anyone under the age of 18)	Date

*Legal guardians do not include babysitters or friends of the family, unless that individual has been named guardian by a legal process, signed notes are not considered "legal",

EQUINE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Name of Participant: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if participant is a minor): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I (we) hereby knowingly and voluntarily enter into this Release, Waiver and Agreement in consideration of the participant's ability and permission to ride OR use any Horse AND/OR participation in any equine activities at Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING OUT OF YOUR RIDING OR USE OF ANY HORSE AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES WHILE AT WHISPERING PINES HORSE RANCH LLC, INCLUDING INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF YOU OR WHISPERING PINES HORSE RANCH LLC.

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS.

By signing this form, I (we) hereby acknowledge on behalf of myself (ourselves) that I (we) have familiarized myself (ourselves) with the activities that I (we) will be allowed to participate in, and that I (we) do hereby acknowledge and agree that I (we) will participate in these activities without restriction or limitation. I (we) recognize the inherent risks involved in riding and working with horses including but not limited to:

- Bites, kicks, abrasions or contusions from horses.
- Being thrown or bucked off by horses.
- Scratches or other injury from grooming tools and other equine equipment and tack.
- Allergic reactions to animals, hay, or other allergens.
- Tripping in holes or on materials or equipment.
- Slipping, falling, or otherwise being injured in the barn, in stalls, or on the grounds, which can be slippery, muddy, wet, or contain or present other hazards.

I (we) acknowledge that this is not a complete list of all possible risks associated with the use of the facilities, and I (we) agree that said list in no way limits the extent or reach of this Release.

I (we) hereby specifically forever release Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC, and its owners, members, trainers, instructors, associates and agents from any liability for injury arising out of the inherent risks from riding, working or participating in a stable environment and/or with horses, as well as from the active negligence of Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC, and its owners, members, trainers, instructors, associates and agents, and I (we) hereby waive any and all claims against them that may potentially arise from my (our) participation. I (we) voluntarily assume all such risks with full knowledge and appreciation of the danger and risk involved.

This Release shall be effective even though said loss, damage or injury results or has resulted from the negligence, wrongful acts, omissions, breach of warranty or strict tort liability of Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC, and its owners, members, trainers, instructors, associates and agents.

By signing this agreement I (we) hereby acknowledge that while there may be supervision during my (our) time spent at Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC, there will not be professional medical care (e.g. nurses, paramedics, therapists or other medical professionals) on the premises and Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC and its owners, members, trainers, instructors, associates and agents bear no responsibility for my (our) health or medical care.

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If I (we) am (are) present at and participate in the activities of Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC, I (we) do so at my (our) own risk, and I (we) hereby acknowledge and agree that Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC, its owners, members, trainers, instructors, associates and agents shall bear no responsibility or risk associated with injuries that could arise from my (our) presence or participation at Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC.

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Participant's Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR If the participant is under the age of eighteen (18) years, this Release must be signed by the parent/guardian of the minor, and I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC and the other released parties in the event a member of my family pursues a claim against Whispering Pines Horse Ranch LLC or the other parties released.

I hereby state that I am the parent or guardian of the minor whose signature appears above. I am familiar with and consent and agree to the terms and provisions set forth in this document.

Printed Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

IMAGE OF HOPE HORSE RANCH INC.
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ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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Printed Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: _____

Stable Rules

1. **All** volunteers, guests, friends, relatives and visitors must sign a copy of the release of liability form. Not signing the release form is trespassing.
2. At no time shall a person under the age of 13 be at the ranch alone.
3. No smoking on the property.
4. If the horse you are working with makes a mess (manure, shedding hair, hoof clippings or other waste) please clean it up. Remove manure from the riding arena(s) and aisle way(s) after one's horse. Put manure in the proper receptacle.
5. Do not tie a horse you are working with to the bars on the stalls. There are tie rings in the arena, in the aisles, and in the stalls.
6. Please put tack, brushes, whips etc. back where they belong after use.
7. A helmet must be worn when riding.
8. No feeding the horses (grain, hay, treats etc.) unless you have been asked to do so by session leader or the owner of the horse.
9. Do not enter stalls or paddocks of horses unless you have received permission from the horse's owner, Alisha, Alex or session leader.
10. Do not ride horses in the stall barns. This is dangerous to horse and human as well as everyone around.
11. Do not mount horse in stall whether tacked up or not. This is dangerous to horse and human.
12. Turn off lights when finished.
13. Please communicate any issues with owner in a professional and appropriate behavior.
14. Any contributions to barn are to be made through Image of Hope Ranch and follow the proper channels.

Use arena etiquette

- 15. No lunging or round penning if riders are using the arena first in the indoor arena.
- 16. Travel in the same direction as majority of riders.
- 17. Remove your equipment from arena when you are through and put it in designated areas.
- 18. Faster work stays to the outside, slower work to the inside.

SIGNATURE

DATE

“WARNING”

Under Indiana law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities, a copy of **Indiana State Equine Statute** BURNS INDIANA STATUTES ANNOTATED TITLE 34. CIVIL PROCEDURE ARTICLE 4. SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CHAPTER 44. LIABILITY ARISING FROM EQUINE ACTIVITIES

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ACTIVITIES

Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 34-4-44-1 (1995)

§ 34-4-44-1. "Equine" defined

As used in this chapter, "equine" means a horse, pony, mule, donkey, or hinny.

§ 34-4-44-2. "Equine activity" defined

(a) As used in this chapter, "equine activity" includes the following:

(1) Equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances, or parades that involve equines and any of the equine disciplines, including dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, grand prix jumping, three (3) day events, combined training, rodeos, driving, pulling, cutting, polo, steeple-chasing, English and western performance riding, endurance trail riding and western games, and hunting.

(2) Equine training or teaching activities.

(3) Boarding equines.

(4) Riding, driving, inspecting, or evaluating an equine, whether or not monetary consideration or anything of value is exchanged.

(5) Rides, trips, hunts, or other equine activities of any type (even if informal or impromptu) that are sponsored by an equine activity sponsor.

(6) Placing or replacing horseshoes on an equine.

(b) The term does not include being a spectator at an equine activity.

§ 34-4-44-3. "Equine activity sponsor" defined

As used in this chapter, "equine activity sponsor" means a person who sponsors, organizes, or provides facilities for an equine activity.

§ 34-4-44-4. "Equine professional" defined
As used in this chapter, "equine professional" means a person who, for compensation:

(1) Instructs a participant on riding, driving, or being a passenger upon an equine;

(2) Rents to a participant an equine for the purpose of riding, driving, or being a passenger upon the equine; or

(3) Rents equipment or tack to a participant.

§ 34-4-44-5. "Inherent risks of equine activities" defined

As used in this chapter, "inherent risks of equine activities" means the dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including the following:

(1) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around the equine.

(2) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, people, or other animals.

(3) Hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions.

(4) Collisions with other equines or objects.

(5) The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within the participant's ability.

§ 34-4-44-6. "Participant" defined

As used in this chapter, "participant" means a person, whether an amateur or a professional, who engages in an equine activity, whether or not a fee is paid to participate in the equine activity.

§ 34-4-44-7. "Person" defined

As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual, an incorporated or unincorporated organization or association, or a group of such persons acting in concert.

§ 34-4-44-8. Limited liability of equine activity sponsor or equine professional

(a) Subject to section 9 [IC 34-4-44-9] of this chapter, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for:

- (1) An injury to a participant; or
- (2) The death of a participant;

resulting from an inherent risk of equine activities.

(b) Subject to section 9 of this chapter, a participant or participant's representative may not make a claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from an equine activity sponsor or equine professional for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from an inherent risk of equine activities.

§ 34-4-44-9. Exceptions to limited liability

(a) This section does not apply to the horse racing industry.

(b) Section 8 [IC 34-4-44-8] of this chapter does not prevent or limit the liability of an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional:

(1) Who:

(A) Provided equipment or tack that was faulty and that caused the injury; and

(B) Knew or should have known that the equipment or tack was faulty;

(2) Who provided the equine and failed to make reasonable and prudent efforts based on the participant's representations of the participant's ability to:

(A) Determine the ability of the participant to engage safely in the equine activity; and

(B) Determine the ability of the participant to safely manage the particular equine;

(3) Who:

(A) Was in lawful possession and control of the land or facilities on which the participant sustained injuries; and

(B) Knew or should have known of the dangerous latent condition that caused the injuries;

if warning signs concerning the dangerous latent condition were not conspicuously posted on the land or in the facilities;

(4) Who committed an act or omission that:

(A) Constitutes reckless disregard for the safety of the participant; and

(B) Caused the injury; or

(5) Who intentionally injured the participant.

(c) Section 8 of this chapter does not prevent or limit the liability of an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional under the product liability laws.

§ 34-4-44-10. Warning notice to be posted

(a) This chapter does not apply unless an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional posts and maintains in at least one (1) location on the grounds or in the building that is the site of an equine activity a sign on which is printed the warning notice set forth in section 12 [IC 34-4- 44-12] of this chapter.

(b) A sign referred to in subsection (a) must be placed in a clearly visible location in proximity to the equine activity.

(c) The warning notice on a sign referred to in subsection (a) must be printed in black letters, and each letter must be at least one (1) inch in height.

§ 34-4-44-11. Warning notice to be included in written contracts

(a) If there is a written contract, this chapter does not apply unless the written contract entered into by an equine professional for:

(1) The providing of professional services;

(2) The providing of instruction; or

(3) The rental of:

(A) Equipment or tack; or

(B) An equine;

to a participant contains in clearly readable print the warning notice set forth in section 12 [IC 34-4-44-12] of this chapter.

(b) The warning notice required by subsection (a) must be included in a written contract described in subsection (a) whether or not the contract involves equine activities on or off the location or site of the equine professional's business.

§ 34-4-44-12. Warning notice

The warning notice that must be printed on a sign under section 10 [IC 34-4-44-10] of this chapter and included in a written contract under section 11 [IC 34-4-44-11] of this chapter is as follows:

WARNING
Under Indiana law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Initial _____

Date _____

