

**GRAFTON TRAIL RIDERS**

29 Trail Riders Way  
Cropseyville, NY 12052

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING  
EVENT SPONSORS AND MANAGERS DO NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY**

Name of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

**HORSE ACTIVITIES COME WITH THESE WARNINGS**

WARNINGS RECIPIENT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
RECIPIENT(S) ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THE RECIPIENT(S) OF THIS FORM IS/ARE HEREBY WARNED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. PROTECTIVE ATTIRE**

**A. PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR** Each horse handler & rider should wear a properly fitted protective helmet, bearing the STANDARD ASTM F 1163 emblem. Wearing of such headgear while having any kind of contact with horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries and may even prevent death as the result of a fall and/or other occurrences. **\*\*NYS Law requires riders under 18 yrs. old to wear a helmet.**

**B. FOOT PROTECTION** Horse handlers & riders should wear sturdy boots with heels to protect foot & prevent foot from getting caught in the stirrup.

**C. CLOTHING** Horse handlers & riders should wear long pants to protect legs.

**SECTION 2. INHERENT RISKS**

**A. NATURE OF THE HORSE** Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and there are numerous inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. No horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are much larger, more powerful and much faster than humans. If a rider falls from horse to ground, the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horse related sports are the only sports where a weaker predator animal, the human, tries to control a much stronger 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 weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, running from perceived danger, etc.

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1) That I, the undersigned, do for myself or on behalf of my child, spouse, or legal ward, hereby voluntarily participate in the above listed event.
- 2) That I participate in and/or attend this event totally at my own risk for injuries or property damage I may incur in relation to this event. I understand that horses are dangerous & horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity.
- 3) That I will be responsible for any & all costs incurred by me for personal injuries or property damage I may incur & claims brought by or against me or expenses incurred.
- 4) That I do carry personal accident and liability insurance now in force under: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF INSURANCE CARRIER

\_\_\_\_ ACCIDENT-MEDICAL INSURANCE    \_\_\_\_ TENANT'S INSURANCE  
\_\_\_\_ FARM OWNER'S INSURANCE    \_\_\_\_ HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE    \_\_\_\_ SEPARATE PERSONAL LIABILITY

Further, that I am responsible for the negligent acts of my family members, legal wards and animals.

- 5) That I am responsible for my own financial loss in relation to the theft or damage to tack, equipment, vehicles, trailers & horses while on the premises and/or where this event is held.
- 6) **RELEASE AND WAIVER:** That I hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators & assigns & family members release & discharge the Grafton Trail Riders, Inc., & all trustees & officers of the Corporation & their respective agents of & from all claims, demands, actions & causes of action for all injuries sustained to my person, or that of my child, spouse or legal charge and/or property. And I hereby waive my right to sue the Corporation & its officers & trustees for any negligent acts or omissions.

**PRINT NAMES OF ALL MINOR PARTICIPANTS OR ATTENDEES FOR WHOM I AM LEGGLY RESPONSIBLE & SIGN THIS RELEASE & WAIVER:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**  
I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING OF LEGAL AGE, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING WARNINGS, AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND WAIVER.

EVERY ADULT, AND EVERY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE MINORS LISTED ABOVE MUST SIGN BELOW:

PRINT NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME #2 \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Every use of a singular word shall be deemed to include the plural where applicable.  
Every use of the pronoun "I" shall be deemed to include any person covered by this release.*