

## Boarding Stable Visitor Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement – Youth

This Boarding Stable Visitor Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement – Youth is being entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Stable”)  
Name Address City State Zip

and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Parent”)  
Name Address City State Zip

on behalf of

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Youth”).  
Name Address City State Zip

1. **Purpose of Agreement.** Parent wishes for Youth to visit Stable and ride and handle one or more horses on the Stable premises. In consideration for Stable permitting Youth to visit Stable, Parent agrees to release and indemnify Stable and certain other parties from all claims as set forth in this agreement.
2. **Hold Harmless Agreement.**
  - 2.1. **Safe Behavior around Horses.** To help prevent injuries and/or death, Parent agrees to ensure that Youth follows carefully any instructions that may be given to Youth and/or Parent by Stable regarding horse behavior and handling. Parent agrees to ensure that Youth follows carefully all of Stable’s barn rules.
  - 2.2. **Safe Riding Attire.** Parent agrees to ensure that Youth wears heeled boots, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and gloves designed for riding when visiting Stable and an ASTM/SEI certified safety helmet fastened securely under the chin while riding. If Parent does not ensure that Youth wears these items, Parent assumes the increased risk of injury or death associated with failing to wear such protective attire. Parent agrees that Stable has no duty to provide safety attire for Youth.
  - 2.3. **Parent’s Representations and Warranties.** Parent makes each of the following representations and warranties on behalf of Parent, Youth, and their respective guardians, heirs and assigns (collectively, the “Youth Parties”):
    - (a) Parent has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement upon behalf of the Youth Parties and all other person(s) who may have custody rights or authority with respect to Youth.
    - (b) Parent will either be present during Youth’s visit to Stable or, in Parent’s absence, Parent grants Stable and its owners, employees, agents and contractors (collectively, the “Stable Parties”) full authority to make all decisions on behalf of Youth and Parent, including medical care, and Parent agrees to hold the Stable Parties harmless for any injuries or death to Youth that may result from such decisions made by the Stable Parties.
    - (c) Youth does not have any physical or mental conditions that may prevent Youth from safely participating in horse-related activities.
  - 2.4. **Risk of Injury or Death to Youth and Parent.** Parent understands that horse-related activities are inherently dangerous and expressly assumes the risks associated with Youth and Parent visiting Stable and handling, caring for and riding horses. Parent understands that horses are inherently unpredictable animals and even the most docile horse may occasionally bolt, spook, buck, rear, bite, kick, pull back or otherwise act in such a way that may injure Youth, Parent or others. Stable property may contain defects. For example, footing at Stable, including arena, round pen, and pasture footing, can contain holes, rocks, uneven portions or otherwise be unpredictable. **Parent expressly assumes all risks of Parent and Youth visiting Stable and engaging in horse-related activities, including the risk that the Stable Parties may be negligent. Accordingly, Parent agrees upon behalf of the Youth Parties not to sue the Stable Parties or otherwise make a claim against the Stable Parties in connection with any injury or death.**



- 2.5. Trail Riding Risks.** Parent understands that riding horses outside of designated riding areas such as arenas and round pens (“Trail Riding”), including riding horses in an open pasture where other horses are loose, is inherently dangerous. In particular, horses may become spooked by traffic, wild animals, other horses or other hazards, causing Youth to fall off or otherwise become injured or die. Horses may also stumble or trip over natural or manmade obstacles, injuring horses and/or Youth. **Parent understands that Stable does not inspect or maintain any trails or paths, on or off of Stable’s property, and Stable makes no warranty whatsoever regarding the safety of paths and trails. Parent understands and expressly assumes all risks associated with Trail Riding, including the risk that the Stable Parties may be negligent.**
- 2.6. Parent’s Indemnification Agreement.** Parent agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the Stable Parties harmless against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs and attorneys’ fees, directly or indirectly arising from any action or other proceedings brought by or prosecuted for the benefit of any of the Youth Parties or brought by others in connection with any action or inaction taken by Youth or Parent.
- 2.7. Waiver of Unknown Claims.** Upon behalf of the Youth Parties, Parent expressly waives any rights that the Youth Parties might otherwise have with regard to unknown claims. For the purpose of this section, “claims” shall include all actions, claims and grievances, whether actual or potential, known or unknown and specifically but not exclusively, all claims arising in connection with this Agreement.
- 3. Entire Agreement.** This agreement contains the entire agreement among the parties. Any modifications or additions must be in writing and signed by all parties to this agreement. No oral modifications will be considered part of the agreement unless reduced to writing and signed by all parties.
- 4. Governing Law and Venue.** This agreement shall be governed by the laws of \_\_\_\_\_ (state). The parties hereby agree that any legal action under the Agreement must be brought in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ (state).
- 5. Attorneys’ Fees and Other Expenses.** In any legal actions brought in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to prompt payment of expenses from the other party(ies) following final adjudication in favor of the prevailing party. For the purpose of this section, “expenses” will include the following costs actually incurred by the prevailing party: Attorney’s fees, retainers, court costs, transcript costs, fees of experts, witness fees, travel expenses, duplicating costs, printing and binding costs, telephone charges, postage, delivery service fees, and all other disbursements.
- 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. In lieu thereof there shall be added a provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid and unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

Parent

Stable

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

