



Saving Grace Farm, Inc.

Operating as Saving Grace Therapeutic Programs

725 Jackson Road
Salisbury, NC 28146
(704) 209-6577

www.savinggracefarm.com



Dear Parent/Guardian or Participant,

Thank you for your interest in standard horsemanship lessons at Saving Grace Farm. If you would like to participate in our lesson program here, we simply ask that you fill out an application and liability release so that we may have all the information needed, and contact us check availability and sign up for a lesson time.

NOTE: If you or your dependent child are interested in our *Therapeutic Horsemanship* program for people with special needs, please download the TH Participant Application from www.savinggracefarm.com.

We look forward to meeting and working with you. Currently, Lessons are \$125/month. Note: Winter lessons are \$35 each from December 1 – February 29 (starting March 1, 2020, they will be \$135/month). Lessons typically occur once a week. We do allow make-ups or credits toward another month if your instructor has to reschedule, however, just as with dance or any other after-school activity, we do not offer refunds or make-ups for lessons that you have to miss last minute. Our lessons are based on natural horsemanship techniques, balanced-seat riding, and proper horse handling skills. The horses make the lessons fun and engaging. Our instructors focus on proper skill and safety. We hope that your child, as many do, receives much more than a “riding lesson” or “pony ride” here, as there is so much more that we can learn from horses.

Horsemanship teaches characteristics of communication, cooperation, respect, trust, leadership, assertiveness, equality, relationship building, empathy, responsibility, empowerment, and so much more.

Please return this application by mail to :

Attn: Director
Saving Grace Farm
725 Jackson Road
Salisbury, NC 28146

Or call ahead to bring to the farm.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the director at 704-798-5955. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janna Griggs
Executive Director

Lesson Application
GENERAL INFORMATION

RIDER NAME: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Gender: M F

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____ Alternative #: _____

Employer/School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Referral Source: _____

Phone: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

DO

DO NOT

consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by Saving Grace Farm of any and all photographs and any other audio/visual materials taken of me for promotional material, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program. I understand that upon consent the material will only be used in a respectful manner and only by the center named above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Client, Parent or Legal Guardian

In the event of an emergency, contact:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

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In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the process of receiving services, or while being on the property of the agency, Saving Grace Farm will:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed. (i.e. providing First Aid or for major concerns callings 911)
2. Release client records upon request to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.



Liability Release Form

CLIENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

- A. I UNDERSTAND THAT Saving Grace Farm and Saving Grace Therapeutic Programs (SGTR) are in an outdoor location in nature with various hazards including, but not limited to: ponds, ditches, steep inclines, animals, insects, poison oak/ivy, snakes, etc. and that there are inherent risks always present in such a location. Knowing these risks, I will be responsible for myself, my children and our own safety.
- B. I UNDERSTAND THAT horseback riding and horse activities are classified as a rugged recreational sport activity, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. I further understand that no horse is completely predictable, and that even well trained horses can become frightened and spook, may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: sudden stopping, stopping short, changing directions or speed at will, shifting its weight, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting, or running from danger.
- C. I UNDERSTAND THAT Saving Grace Farm or SGTR are not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. Some examples are: Thunder, lightening, rain, wind, water, wild or domestic animals, insects, and reptiles.
- D. I UNDERSTAND THAT participants must not carry loose items around horses which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse. Some examples are cameras, hats not securely fastened under chin, toys. Riders should not make sharp, loud noises, such as screaming or yelling, which may scare a horse.
- E. I AGREE THAT should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accidental/medical insurance company **shall pay for all** such incurred expenses. My accidental/medical insurance company is _____.
- F. I UNDERSTAND THAT all riders must wear protective headgear.
- G. **I AGREE THAT** pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 99E, Special Liability Provisions, Article 1, Equine Liability Activity Liability, and under the terms set forth herein, I, the participant (or parent if under 18), and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release, and discharge Saving Grace Farm or SGTR, their owners, agents, employees, volunteers, officers, directors and all others acting on their behalf, of and, from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to Saving Grace Farm or SGTR's and their associates ordinary negligence, and I do further agree that except in the event of Saving Grace Farm' or SGTR's gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against this stable and its associates as stated above in this clause, or any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and /or my minor child and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of this control of Saving Grace Farm or SGTR, whether on or off the premises of this stable.

WARNING

Under North Carolina 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. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE , AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

Signature of Participant if over 18 (Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date

Home Phone

Business Phone

Mobile Phone

Email address

Saving Grace Farm ~ Lesson Policies

- **Cost:** Riding lessons at Saving Grace Farm are \$125 per month (\$35 Winter and \$135 beginning March 1, 2020. By appointment only. Payment is due the 1st lesson of the Month.
- Students should arrive 5 to 10 minutes prior to lessons to ensure they are ready and prepared to begin.
- If a student is going to be late, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. Lessons will begin and end at their scheduled time, so being late cuts into your time with the instructor.
- **Attire:** We recommend pants and weather appropriate clothing. Sturdy, closed-toed shoes that stay on securely are REQUIRED. No crocs, sandals, flip flops, dress flats, etc. We have helmets available or you may get your own.
- **Absence:** We ask that you give at least a 24 hour notice if possible. If you do not contact the instructor at least one hour prior, we consider this a "no show". Three "no shows" within 6 months will result in dismissal.
- **Privacy:** Saving Grace also offers Therapeutic Programs to people with special needs and disabilities. Please respect the rights and privacy of these participants. If you overhear information about these participants or you observe their lessons, please do not share their names/information outside of our facility.
- Saving Grace Farm reserves the right to refuse service to, or ban from the property, etc. anyone who disrupts programming, does not follow farm rules, or acts unethically, illegally, or disrespectfully to ANYONE on the premises. Any issues or concerns should be taken up with the Director 704-209-6577.
- Family and friends are welcome to watch lessons. However, no one is allowed to handle horses, or enter arenas, paddocks, pastures or stalls without signing a liability release. Of course petting over the fence is welcome by any visitor! Just be safe and do not feed your fingers to the horses.
- **Our Curriculum:** In Horsemanship there is much more to learn about horses than just riding. A good Equestrian knows how to lead, feed, groom, bathe, give first aid, care for the equipment, etc. Groundwork teaches responsibility, empathy, respect, and other valuable information that is useful if you choose to one day own horses. It also helps with empowering the student, managing a horse safely from the ground, earning the horse's respect, and teaching the student how to safely interact with the animal, etc. Ground lessons are a part of our curriculum here and will be given on rainy days and at various other times as the instructor sees fit. Students will still receive the instructor's full time and attention. Unless the instructor cancels, no make-ups or credits will be given if you opt out of these lessons.
- **Make-up Policy:** Please understand, we are holding a spot for your student each week. We will offer make-up options as follows: A Make-up will be scheduled if the instructor must cancel OR if you provide at least a 2 week advanced notice of absence. We can prorate for the following month, as long as it is at least 2 weeks prior. If the student is ill or there is a valid emergency, please contact the Director. We will make every effort to offer a makeup time within the current month of the missed lesson. If the make-up options will not work within the current month, we will give a \$30 credit for the next month's lessons. Make-ups and credits will not carry over past 1 month following the missed lesson. If you miss your lesson with less than a 2 week notice, and it is not a valid emergency/illness, the full fee will be due for that lesson, much like dance, gymnastics, karate, etc.

At Saving Grace Farm, we try to emulate mutual respect and trust, and we hope that you will see this, as you participate in the wonderful programs we have to offer here.

Thank you for your participation in the programs at Saving Grace Farm.

Janna Griggs
Executive Director

Please detach and return, keep policies for your records

I/We, the undersigned, have received, read and understand the Lesson Policy for Saving Grace Farm and I/We do hereby agree to adhere by these policies. We also understand that Saving Grace Farm has the right to refuse service if we do not follow, within reason, the policies listed.

Signature of rider/guardian if client is under 18

Date

Name of Rider _____

DOB _____