

## The Stables at Tanglewood Farm

# SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

In the interest of protecting personal safety and minimizing the risk of infection as we resume public riding activities, the stables staff at Tanglewood Farm have created the following guidelines. We ask that you read them carefully, and we appreciate your cooperation and compliance. Of course, if there are any questions, please call the stables office at **336-766-9540**. Thank you.

- 1. Rides are by reservation only.**
  - Must be made by calling 336-766-9540. If no one can answer the phone at the time, please leave a clear message.
- 2. Release forms** (liability and hard hat waiver) **must be signed by all participants prior to arrival.**
  - **These forms are on the following pages of this document** for printout and signing to bring with you.
3. To minimize handling and contact, **please note the following payment requests:**
  - CASH: Please have exact change (\$35.00 per rider).
  - CHECK: Please have checks filled out (made out to Tanglewood Farm) upon arrival.
4. We recommend **wearing a protective face mask** while in close contact with stable employees. Masks are optional during the actual ride, during which distances between individuals will be more than 6 feet by the nature of the activity.
5. **Gloves should be worn during your activity**, which includes touching reins and saddles that are in use by several people throughout the day.
  - Stables staff will enhance the cleaning of equipment, but gloves might help reduce the risk of surface contamination.
6. Although riding helmets are available at the stables, **we are recommending riders wear their own helmets**, which at this time, can be a bike helmet or other similar type of hard hat. Because of this, the **hard hat waiver is still required**, regardless of whether you opt to wear a helmet or not.
7. In the interest of protecting social distance as much as practical, **stables staff will provide minimal assistance to riders getting on and off their horses.** A mounting block (steps) will be provided to make it easier, and **parents will be asked to assist their young children.**

With everyone's cooperation, we anticipate these guidelines will enhance the safety of guests and staff, and we hope you enjoy your ride!

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY  
& RELEASE OF LIABILITY

There are significant elements of risk in any adventure, sport or activity associated with riding saddle animals (including but not limited to horses, mules, and burros) and riding in or upon animal drawn vehicles. Including but not limited to buggies, carriages, coaches, sleighs and/or wagons (referred herein as "activity") and the use of any related equipment.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS:** I recognize that there is an inherent danger in the use of any saddle animal, or animal drawn vehicle and that travel with or upon a saddle animal or animal drawn vehicle may involve hazards including, but not limited to, uneven or unstable ground, or road surfaces, trees, branches, rocks, stones, gravel, mud, water and/or vehicles, other horses and riders, equipment failure, my ability to control or direct an animal, and the speed at which I proceed can pose a dangerous risk to my safety; that movement, noise, and contact with objects may frighten or cause an animal to move unpredictably and with force; that I may suffer accidents or illnesses in remote places where there are not available medical facilities; and that no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, is being made as to the habits, disposition, suitability, nature of physical condition of any animal. I realize that personal property may be lost or damaged, that certain foreseeable and unforeseeable events can contribute to the unpredictability of the risks, dangers, and hazards of the activity; that wearing a helmet while riding a horse is a basic precaution; and that I should ask about other potential risks, dangers and hazards and recommended precautions and procedures.

**EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY:** In recognition of the inherent risks of the activity, which I and my minor children for which I am responsible, will engage in, including approaching, handling, mounting, riding, and dismounting a saddle animal or animal drawn vehicle, I commit that I am (we are) physically and mentally capable of participating in the activity and using the equipment. I/We participate willingly and voluntarily and I assume full responsibility for personal injury, accidents or illnesses, including death. I assume all responsibility for damage to or loss of personal property as the result of any accident that may occur.

I assume the risk(s) of personal injury, accidents and/or illnesses, including but not limited to sprains, torn muscles and/or ligaments; fractures or broken bones; eye damage; cuts, wounds, scrapes, abrasions, and/or contusions; dehydration, oxygen shortage (anoxia), exposure and/or altitude sickness; head, neck, and/or spinal injuries; animal bite or attack; insect bites, allergic reaction; shock, paralysis, and/or death; and acknowledge that if, during the activity, I/we experience fatigue, chill, and/or dizziness, my/our reaction time may be diminished and the risk of accident increased.

**CONVENANT OF GOOD FAITH:** I recognize that you, as provider of goods and/or services, will operate under a covenant of good faith and fair dealing, but that you may find it necessary to terminate an activity due to forces of nature, medical necessities or other problems; and/or refuse or terminate, the participation of any person you judge to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of participating in the activity. I accept your right to take such actions for the safety of myself and/or other participants.

**AUTHORIZATION:** I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury while participating in the activity. I either have appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf.

**RELEASE:** In consideration of services or property provided, I, for myself and my minor children for which I am parent, legal guardian or otherwise responsible, any heirs, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby release Tanglewood Park, and Tanglewood Farm, its principals, directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, and each and every land owner, municipal and/or governmental agency upon whose property all activity in conducted, from all liability and waive any claim for damage arising from any cause whatsoever (except that which is the result of gross negligence).

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY AND THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I MAY BE WAIVING VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.

**Name of Participant (please print)**

**Signature of Participant**

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

I've ridden \_\_\_\_\_ times in the past 3 years and consider myself a: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner, \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate, or \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Rider

Age of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ If participant is under 18, the parent or Legal Guardian must also sign \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# HARD HAT WAIVER

I THE UNDERSIGNED, RECOGNIZE THE DANGERS INHERENT WITH HORSEBACK RIDING. I AM ASSUMING THE HAZARD OF THIS RISK UPON MYSELF SINCE I WISH TO RIDE HORSES. I REALIZE I AM SUBJECT TO INJURY FROM THIS ACTIVITY AND THAT NO FORM OF PREPLANNING CAN REMOVE ALL OF THAT I AM EXPOSING MYSELF TO. I HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PROTECTIVE RIDING HELMET, WHICH COULD HAVE PREVENTED PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACCIDENT. AGAINST THE ADVICE OF THE STABLE OPERATOR, THE WRANGLER GUIDE AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY, I AM REFUSING THIS CRITICAL SAFETY PRECAUTION.

**In your own handwriting write the following line below**

“I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER”

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customer's signature

date of birth

today's date

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