

RIVER RANCH EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES



AT STORYBOOK RANCH

Application for Horse & Youth Camp



NOTE THE FOLLOWING WHEN FILLING OUT THE CAMP REGISTRATION FORMS:

- 1) THE FOLLOWING HORSE CAMP INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS SERVE TO MAKE THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE & CAMP ADVENTURE MORE STREAMLINED, ENJOYABLE & SAFE FOR ALL. MAKE SURE TO READ THROUGH IT COMPLETELY.
- 2) TO RESERVE A SLOT AT CAMP, REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE **FULLY COMPLETED**.
YOU MUST:
 - a.) SIGN, FILL IN, ANSWER AND/ OR INITIAL ALL AREAS WHERE IT'S REQUESTED.
 - b.) DESIGNATE THE DATE(S) OF CAMP DESIRED CLEARLY & NEATLY (Pg.6).
 - c.) PROVIDE PAYMENT IN FULL UPON REGISTRATION IF REGISTERING FOR INDIVIDUAL *DAY* CAMP SESSION(S).
 - d.) PROVIDE A 50% DEPOSIT PER *WEEK* OF CAMP ALONG WITH A VALID CREDIT/DEBIT CARD NUMBER TO BE KEPT ON FILE UNLESS PAYING IN FULL BY CASH OR CREDIT UPON REGISTRATION.
 - e.) PROPERLY COMPLETE THE WAIVER ATTACHED AFTER THE CAMP APPLICATION PORTION OF THIS REGISTRATION PACKET. INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED. YOU MUST INCLUDE THE NAMES OF **ALL** VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WANT TO STEP FOOT ON RREC PROPERTIES.
- 3) **☛ YOU MUST SUBMIT CREDIT CARD #.** THIS WILL ONLY BE DRAFTED IF (1) YOU ADVISE US TO CHARGE EACH WEEK OF CAMP OR (2) YOUR PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE(S) YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR. YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBERS ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. **☛ IF YOU CANNOT/WILL NOT PROVIDE A VALID CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD# (EXPIRATION DATE MUST BE AFTER 9/15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR), THEN YOU MUST PAY IN FULL UPON REGISTRATION OR YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- 4) **☛ CIRCLE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS WE OFFER IF APPLICABLE:**
 - A) 10% DISCOUNT GIVEN IF CAMP IS PAID IN FULL UPON REGISTERING 6 OR MORE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CHOSEN WEEK OF CAMP. (4 WKS FOR SPRING BRK CAMP)
 - B) 10% DISCOUNT IS GIVEN FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD FROM THE SAME FAMILY.
 - C) 20% DISCOUNT IS GIVEN FOR CHILDREN SIGNED UP FOR 3 WEEKS OR MORE.
- 5) DUE DATE(S) FOR FINAL PAYMENT ARE ON PAGE 6. PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINAL PAYMENT. A \$25 *LATE FEE* WILL BE ADDED.
- 6) THE CANCELLATION CUTOFF DATE IS 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO YOUR DESIGNATED DATE(S) OF CAMP. UPON CANCELLING YOUR CAMP REGISTRATION PRIOR TO THE CUTOFF DATE, A \$25 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WILL BE RETAINED FROM YOUR ORIGINAL DEPOSIT OF \$175. AFTER THE 4 WEEK CUT OFF POINT, YOUR \$175 DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED. (**EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CHARITY VICE PRESIDENT.**)
- 7) PLEASE NOTE THAT SUBMITTING A **CHANGE OF CAMP DATE(S) FORM** (PAGE 7) AFTER YOU FILL OUT THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION *DOES NOT* AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THE CHANGES ARE APPROVED. WE WILL CHECK AVAILABILITY AND OUR OFFICE STAFF WILL CONFIRM THAT YOUR CHANGE OF CAMP DATE(S) WAS APPROVED.
- 8) RREC CAMP(S) ARE FOR CAMPERS 6 YRS OF AGE OR WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE 1ST GRADE THROUGH THE AGE OF 12. (ADDITIONAL AGES CAN BE DISCUSSED.)
- 9) FOR CAMPERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OR THOSE APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, REFER TO PAGE 6, SECTION B FOR REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES & CAMP SCHEDULE.

RIVER RANCH EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES

Application for Horse Camp(s)

Camper's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age (by Camp): _____

Camper's Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ M _____ F _____

Dad's Name: _____ Main Phone# _____

Mom's Name: _____ Main Phone# _____

PRIMARY E-Mail address: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE- (YOUTH SIZES) XSM / SM / M / L (Shirts included for full week campers. Drop-ins pay \$10/ shirt.)

PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOS: I ALLOW (OR) DO NOT ALLOW RREC to use my child's photo for advertisements, the website or other marketing to promote the charity. I understand names will be kept confidential.

***Emergency Info*:** Name _____ Phone # _____

I hereby authorize the Staff to allow my child to leave with only these people (other than parents):

1) Name _____ PH# _____ TDL# _____

2) Name _____ PH# _____ TDL# _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION:

In the event I can't be reached to make emergency medical arrangements, I authorize RREC staff to take my child to:

Physician: _____

Address: _____ Phone# _____

Name of Hospital _____

Address: _____ Phone# _____

I give consent for necessary emergency treatment when my child is in the care of this physician and or hospital/clinic and know that every attempt will be made by the RREC staff to contact me as soon as possible.

Signature of Parent _____ *Date* _____

I heard about "Storybook Ranch" through _____.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration Checklist: Date enrolled: __/__/__ Shirt- XSM/ SM/ M/ LG/ XLG

☆ **CC # PROVIDED?** Consent to charge at due date given - YES or NO

☆ **Copy of Check, Credit/Debit Card or Cash Payment Attached?**

☆ **Deposit Paid? Bal. Due on or PIF:** __/__/__ ☆ **CHARGE CC When Due**

☆ **Early Drop Off** OR ☆ **Late Pick Up** ☆ **Current Waiver Completed**

☆ **Has Camper Info Been Entered on Camp Spreadsheet?**

SPCL MED Needs* _____ **Camp WK/DATE(s)** _____

Financial Obligation

Initial at the end of each point

I UNDERSTAND:

- a. The cost per **Individual Day(s) of Camp**, *once accepted*, is a total of **\$80.00**. _____
- b. **Standard Week of Camp** is **\$350.00**. _____ (Early & Late care = \$50/wk for both or \$25/wk for E or L)
- c. **For Individual Day(s) of Camp (less than 1 Standard Week of Camp)**, **payment in full is due upon registration plus additional \$10/day for Early Drop Off and/or \$10/day for Late Pick Up**. _____
- d. **50% of payment is due at the time of registration for each Standard Week of Camp for which I am registering**. I can pay by check, cash or debit/credit card. _____
- e. I understand remaining balances are due *in full* 2 weeks prior to designated start date of camp. _____
- f. I can mail my payment(s) & registration forms to or drop payment(s) & registration forms off at:

Storybook Ranch 3701 S. Custer Rd. McKinney, Texas 75070

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO: RIVER RANCH EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES or RREC

or

Fax Completed Registration Forms with CC information to: 972-369-0035.

- g. I understand that if I do not pay in full by the due date, my slot will be relinquished and I will still be obligated to pay in full what I owe according to the date(s) I registered. _____
- h. I understand and give my consent to have my credit card drafted if **I do not** pay in full for the camp day(s) I sign up for by the 2 week deadline plus a \$25 late fee. I understand if **I do not** give my credit card number & consent to have my card automatically drafted by RREC (**only** in the event of non-payment as outlined in the payment terms contained within this application); my application will *not* be accepted. I understand my information & credit card number is kept confidential. I also understand I need to give a credit card that has an expiration date past 9/15 of the current year & if I cancel the card or if after I give my credit card information to RREC it is cancelled, it is my responsibility to contact RREC & provide a correct updated credit card. If a new credit card is not provided to RREC, the balance remaining on my account is due in full immediately. Initial _____
- i. If you need to change your camp date(s) after paying your deposit, you may do so if done at least two (2) weeks prior to the week you desire to switch to, ***if space is available***. The **CHANGE CAMP DATE(S) FORM** on page 7 must be completed and delivered to office staff. _____
- j. Based on your past payment history, RREC reserves the right to accept your application only if paid in full upon registration if you have had problems with completing payment(s). _____
- k. I understand and agree that if I do not follow the proper cancellation procedures and fail to complete my payment obligations in full for the date(s) that my child is signed up for, whether my child attends or not and if it is necessary for RREC to pursue collection proceedings, then I understand and agree that I will pay for all costs incurred for the collection process, along with a \$25/month late charge until paid in full. I also understand if my credit/debit card is declined for whatever reason and payment is late, then a \$25 late fee will still be applied. The billing department will attempt to call you to let you know it has been declined so that alternate payment arrangements may be made. _____
- l. I also understand all checks submitted as payment that are returned will be assessed an additional \$25 bank processing fee. _____

Please understand why these policies must be enforced. If a parent cancels without the required 4 week notice, it can be hard to fill those slots. Our charity cannot afford to lose that revenue which contributes to our ability to provide our services free of charge to those less fortunate and to those with special needs.

By signing below, I, the parent or legal guardian, acknowledge and agree to fulfill all financial obligations set forth in this registration form:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ **Date** _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

ALL CAMPERS AND VISITORS MUST HAVE A CURRENT WAIVER FOR THIS YEAR ON FILE:

Fill out the attached waiver form with all family members' names including camper(s), parent(s) & every additional family member. List the names of family members that want to step foot on property on the first few lines. There must be a current waiver on file in order for a camper, parent or extended family member to be on property at any time, otherwise, additional family members must complete additional waiver(s) in full upon arrival. Waivers are good for 1 current year.

MEDICAL CONCERNS & SPECIAL NEEDS: List any special medical circumstances your child may have, i.e. allergies, existing illness(es), previous serious illness(es), dietary restrictions or any significant injuries, specifically during the past 12 months, medication(s) prescribed for long-term continuous use, behavioral challenges, etc.:

WATER ACTIVITIES: I hereby give my consent for my child to participate in RREC water activities. Water activities *might* include during your day/week of camp: slip and slides, miniature waterslides (12-14ft. in height) & Lifeguard Supervised Spring Fed Creek Areas (ranging from 2 inches to 5ft. in depth) and may include pool use depending on the City of McKinney. Counselor to Camper Ratio during all water activities is 1 counselor per 5 campers and a certified Lifeguard is always on duty. Due to varying circumstances, the selected water activities may vary from day to day & week to week. Proper RREC staff supervision will be present at all times. Initial _____

I understand it is my responsibility to provide my child with some type(s) of Approved Water Safety Flotation Device(s) such as a life vest, arm floaties, a pool noodle, swimmer's kick board, etc., if needed.

I understand that if my child cannot swim, it is my responsibility to let the Staff know. Initial _____

MY CAMPER IS A: GOOD SWIMMER AVERAGE SWIMMER POOR SWIMMER

CONFIRMATION AND SCHEDULES: TO CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION, CALL RREC @ 972-369-0874.

RREC will only contact you by phone if your registration was *not* accepted due to any number of reasons including date(s) of camp not available, payment not able to be processed, registration form information incomplete or illegible, etc. RREC staff will **EMAIL** all registered camper's families **CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION & CAMP DAILY REMINDERS** 7-10 days prior to your date(s) of camp. I understand it's my responsibility to make sure I **PROVIDE CORRECT & LEGIBLE CONTACT INFORMATION AND EMAIL ADDRESS** on page 2 of this application **PLUS** any special circumstances RREC needs to be aware of **AND** that I review the Camp Daily Reminders once provided to know what to pack my camper(s). Camp Daily Reminders available through the office if registering within 3wks of camp.

REGULAR CAMP HOURS: I understand that the official camp hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

EARLY DROP-OFF/ **LATE PICK-UP:** Early drop off is 7:30a & late pick up is 6:00p. The charge for each is \$10/day or \$25/wk. If you need both options, the cost is \$20/day or \$50/wk. *You must indicate this on the registration form. This additional payment is to be made with your final payment.* Staff will not be available before 7:30a or after 6:00p. In case of a rare emergency or extenuating circumstance, contact the office. Our staff does have set schedules.

DAMAGE RESPONSIBILITY: I agree that if my child(ren) damages any item(s) that belong to RREC, I'm responsible for replacing such item(s) or repairing back to it's original state as deemed acceptable by the Camp Director by a set date.

MISSING DAYS: I understand that if my child misses a day for any reason, there is no reduction in tuition. ⚡ Initial _____

INCLEMENT WEATHER: RREC cannot control Mother Nature or Inclement Weather. In the case of inclement weather, we will evaluate the severity & will only cancel camp if safety is a concern. RREC staff makes every attempt to provide equine education & hands-on experience whenever & wherever it is safely possible. If weather interferes with the overall allotted ride time for the camp week, then the "down time" the campers have away from the scheduled horse activities will be assessed. If the RREC Board of Directors feels time warrants make up, the camp staff will provide an additional make-up riding option for camper(s) after camp at the discretion of RREC. ⚡ Initial _____

LUNCH AND SNACKS: I understand my child needs to bring a nutritious lunch each day and a snack with an optional drink in the afternoon. You must provide your child with a reusable water container with a strap attached. This is a vital & wonderful way to help the environment, maintain the cleanliness of the ranch and also a great way to help your child(ren) stay hydrated! We will provide water and/or electrolyte replacement throughout the day. If my child forgets their lunch, RREC staff will not be able to supply lunch due to liability regarding allergies, sensitivities & restrictions.

DROP- IN'S: I understand that if available, Campers can come to camp as single and/or multiple day drop-ins, with all policies outlined in this contract applying. The cost is \$80/day plus \$10/day early drop-off & \$10/day late pick-up.

ORIENTATION: "New Camper Orientations" are held Monday each week of camp from 9:00am-9:30am. It is my responsibility to be there if I have questions regarding any aspect of camp. Orientation is not required.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

The philosophy at our Horse Camp is to guide the children by example 1st, as well as, proper instruction, encouragement and positive reasoning. We believe there are no bad children, only children who sometimes haven't learned to communicate their feelings or use their inherent and/or latent skills in the proper way. In the event there is a disciplinary problem, certain measures must be taken in order to ensure that the child(ren) understand(s) there are consequences to our actions and to hopefully spur them along their trail to learning how to effectively steer through problems that may arise in a way that is beneficial & safe for everyone. Examples of disciplinary problems are as follows, but not strictly limited to:

- * Profanity, talking inappropriately or rudely to the Staff or other children.
- * Any physical abuse to other children or Staff, some examples being hitting, pinching, pulling hair and throwing objects at people.
- * Not acknowledging or ignoring the Staff's requests of participation in the program.
- * Not staying within the confines of the area designated for use by the Staff.

One written warning will be given to the Camper if any of the above incidents occur. In the event that any of these and/or other incidents occur again which the Director feels is not reflective of good, positive behavior, a second written incident report will be given and the Director, along with the charity president's approval, has the right to dismiss the Camper at their discretion with no refund for the remainder of the date(s) the Camper is registered for (please refer to Financial Obligation portion of this Application). The Director will try to fill the camper's slot(s) on any future date(s) that the dismissed Camper may be registered for. If the Director can fill the slot(s) **and in conjunction with**, the Charity President's approval, any balance remaining and owed for future camp date(s) in question will not be due. If the Director cannot fill the slots, then all money owed is still due as outlined in the application.

The Director will discuss any issues with the parent and try to come up with an alternate solution first (sitting out, doing extra work, redirection, etc.). If the Director feels the Camper is impairing the safety and well being of other Campers or Staff, the Director will be forced to ask the parent to pick their child up as soon as possible with the above stated consequences enforced. The first steps RREC Camp Staff is coached to take when addressing bad behavior are: establish safety & a state of calmness, assess situation & gather pertinent information regarding incident and/or Camper(s) in question & then provide those people involved in the situation with clear information about the specific behavior(s) that need(s) to change & what the appropriate alternative options are for handling the situation in question in the future so everyone involved may continue to enjoy the full course of the camp adventure. We will try to bring any bad behavior we notice to the parent's attention upon pick-up that day so we can hopefully resolve any issues promptly and curtail any further upsets from occurring.

If the Camper is found to be in possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, knives or any other substance or item that the Director feels to be harmful to the Camper or other Campers or if the Director feels the Camper is a viable threat to the safety of the Camp or Campers, this will be grounds for immediate dismissal for the Camper with the above financial policies strictly enforced.

These rules have to be enforced in order to maintain a high standard of goals. We want RREC Camps to be a fun & safe place for everyone. If there are Campers who continually misbehave, it takes time and energy away from the rest of the Campers who are trying to adhere to the rules and enjoy the activities. RREC encourages an open door policy. The communication between RREC Staff, Campers and Parents is of the utmost importance. If you, as a Parent or Legal Guardian, feel there is a problem, don't hesitate to talk to the Director or the management staff at the RREC Storybook Ranch location, as soon as possible.

Please sign below acknowledging you and your Camper have read these guidelines and will adhere to them.

Parent's Signature

Camper's Signature

Date

RREC Camps Date(s) Designation Form

Name of Camper _____

Name of Parent _____

RREC CAMPS ARE FOR CAMPERS AGES 6-12. ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO RREC.
EARLY DROP-OFF AND/OR LATE PICK-UP PAYMENT(S) ARE DUE WITH REMAINING BALANCE.
WE RECOMMEND PRINTING A COPY OF THIS PAGE AS A REMINDER OF THE BALANCE DUE DATE(S).

A) I am registering for the following date(s): (Indicate the date(s)/week(s) desired.)

\$175 DEPOSIT/WEEK OF CAMP DUE:

\$175 REMAINING BALANCE DUE:

_____ (1) Spring Brk-March 7th-11th

_____ (2) June 6 - 10

_____ (3) June 13 - 17

_____ (4) June 20 - June 24

_____ (5) June 27 - July 1

* _____ (6) Special Buckaroos- July 4 - 8

_____ (7) July 11 - 15

_____ (8) July 18 - July 22

_____ (9) July 25 - July 29

_____ (10) Aug 1 - 5

_____ (11) Aug 8 - 12

* _____ (12) Special Buckaroos- Aug 15 - 19

_____ (1) February 18

_____ (2) May 23

_____ (3) May 30

_____ (4) June 6

_____ (5) June 13

_____ (6) June 20

_____ (7) June 27

_____ (8) July 4

_____ (9) July 11

_____ (10) July 18

_____ (11) July 25

_____ (12) August 1

ADD MY CAMPER FOR:

Early Drop-Off

Late Pick-Up

B) ATTENTION WEEK 6 AND WEEK 12 APPLICANTS: CAMP HOURS ARE 9A-1P

***SPECIAL BUCKAROOS:** All pages of the camp application are due for Weeks 6 & 12 except the Financial Obligation section on page 3. You must provide a doctor's report/proof of medical diagnosis. A guardian or parent is required to accompany Special Needs Campers unless approved otherwise.

***UNDERPRIVILEGED CAMPERS:** For those applying as underprivileged campers, all Application pages are required except the Financial Obligation section (pg 3). In order to assess your Scholarship amount (whether full or partial), you must provide Financial Information in the form of an Income Tax Return or Government Program Documentation. Also include a brief description of your situation.

C) REQUIRED CREDIT CARD DEPOSIT & INSURANCE OF PAYMENT IN FULL SECTION

I am attaching \$ _____ as a deposit for the date(s) of camp I have designated above.

\$175 Deposit Required per Monday-Friday Session (Early Drop-Off/Late Pick-Up Due with Final Payment)
OR

If registering for Single Day Session(s), \$80/Day is Due In Full Upon Registration
(+\$10/day for 7:30a Early Drop-Off and/or \$10/day for 6:00p Late Pick-Up)

ONLY IF I HAVE NOT completed my payment in full by the due date, do I hereby give River Ranch Educational Charities authorization to charge me the remaining balance due for my designated date(s) of camp.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE give River Ranch Educational Charities to charge the remaining balance due for the designated date(s) of camp at due date.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

CC# _____
(TO REMAIN IN A SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL LOCATION)

EXP _____ CVV# _____

BILLING ZIP: _____

APPROVAL CODE: _____

CHANGE OF CAMP DATE(S) FORM

KEEP THIS FORM & ONLY TURN IT INTO THE OFFICE IF USED

NAME OF CAMPER _____

Parent's Name

Contact Phone Number

Date

I REQUEST TO HAVE THE ABOVE NAMED CAMPER **REMOVED FROM** THE FOLLOWING DATE(S) OF CAMP: (Please initial beside day/week(s) desired.)

____ (1) SPRING BREAK- MARCH 7 – 11

____ (2) JUNE 6 – 10

____ (3) JUNE 13- 17

____ (4) JUNE 20 - JUNE 24

____ (5) JUNE 27 - JULY 1

★ ____ (6) SPECIAL BUCKAROOS- JULY 4 – 8

____ (7) JULY 11 - 15

____ (8) JULY 18 - JULY 22

____ (9) JULY 25 – JULY 29

____ (10) AUG 1 - 5

____ (11) AUG 8 - 12

★ ____ (12) SPECIAL BUCKAROOS-AUG 15 - 19

I REQUEST TO HAVE THE ABOVE NAMED CAMPER **ADDED TO** THE SPREADSHEET ON THE FOLLOWING DATE(S) OF CAMP: (Please initial beside day/week(s) desired.)

____ (1) SPRING BREAK- MARCH 7 – 11

____ (2) JUNE 6 – 10

____ (3) JUNE 13- 17

____ (4) JUNE 20 - JUNE 24

____ (5) JUNE 27 - JULY 1

★ ____ (6) SPECIAL BUCKAROOS- JULY 4 – 8

____ (7) JULY 11 - 15

____ (8) JULY 18 - JULY 22

____ (9) JULY 25 – JULY 29

____ (10) AUG 1 - 5

____ (11) AUG 8 - 12

★ ____ (12) SPECIAL BUCKAROOS-AUG 15 - 19

* I understand if there is space available on the date(s) I am requesting to have added, my deposit will be transferred. The Director will approve/disapprove and notify you as soon as possible.

*If no weeks of camp remain to apply credit to, the deposit is considered non-refundable, as stated in the camp application. It will **not** be applied to ANY other week as a credit that you may have already signed up for.

*THIS DEPOSIT IS ONLY TRANSFERRABLE IF DONE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CAMP DATE.

I am attaching \$ _____ for deposit for the above week(s).

RREC OFFICE STAFF SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

APPROVED **DISAPPROVED**

RREC CAMP WAIVER AND INFORMATION

EVERY SINGLE VISITOR, NO EXCEPTIONS, RIDERS & NON-RIDERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM IN FULL PRIOR TO ENTERING THE PROPERTY. GOOD FOR CURRENT YEAR ONLY. ONLY 1 NEEDED PER FAMILY.

ON LINES BELOW, LIST FULL NAMES OF CAMPERS, PARENTS & ADDITIONAL CHILDREN IN THE SAME FAMILY THAT WANT TO STEP FOOT ON THE PROPERTY:

Include additional family members above that are not present today but may visit during camp. Are any of the Riders over 200 lbs.? *If yes, please notify Ranch Manager*

WARNING!

Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), a Farm Animal Professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in Farm Animal Activities resulting from the inherent risks of Farm Animal Activities.

(This includes horseback riding, pony rides and petting/touching any and all ranch animals.)

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. THIS RANCH/STABLE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST INITIAL NEXT TO EVERY PARAGRAPH. A SIGNATURE & DATE MUST ACCOMPANY EVERY WAIVER.

River Ranch and Stables hereinafter known as “This Stable” location: Storybook Ranch.

_____ 1) **Registration of visitors/riders and agreement purpose.** In consideration of the payment of a fee by signee or by an affiliate and the signing of this agreement, I the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardian thereto if a minor, do hereby agree to hire this Ranch/Stable a horse, tack and equipment, personnel and trail for the purpose of horseback riding & the experience of visiting a working ranch today and on all future dates:

_____ 2) **Agreement Scope and Territory Definitions:** This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered visitor/rider 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 county of this Ranches/Stables physical location. Any dispute by the visitor/rider shall be litigated in and venue shall be the county in which this Ranch/Stable is physically located. If any clause, phrase, or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term “HORSE” herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term ‘RIDER’ shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms “I”, “WE”, “ME” and “MY” shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

3) **Activity Risk Classification:** I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay at U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities. I/WE further understand that applicant may be participating in a ‘WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE’ and that the meaning of this term is defined as follows: THE PURSUIT OF ADVENTURE TYPE OF ACTIVITY IN A WILD, RUGGED AND UNCULTIVATED AREA OR REGION, AS OF FOREST AND/OR HILLS AND OR MOUNTAINS AND OR PLAINS AND OR WETLANDS, WHICH WOULD LIKELY BE UNINHABITED BY PEOPLE AND INHABITED BY WILD ANIMALS OF MANY TYPES AND SPECIES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MAMMALS, REPTILES & INSECTS, WHICH ARE NOT TAME, MAY BE SAVAGE AND UNPREDICTABLE IN NATURE AND WANDER AT WILL.

4) **Nature of Stable Horses:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS STABLE chooses its rental horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for the use as riding horses for novice and beginning riders and THIS STABLE follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 10 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to the ground, it will generally be at a distance of from 3.5 – 5.5 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on another much larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (horse) and each has limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to natural instincts which may include but are not limited to stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, shifting weight, bucking, rearing, kicking, biting or running from danger.

5) **Rider Responsibility:** I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider’s safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider is responsible for his/her safety and that of an unborn child if the rider is pregnant. THIS STABLE advises pregnant woman not to ride, unless permission is given under advice of her physician.

6) **Conditions of Nature:** I UNDERSTAND THIS STABLE IS NOT responsible for total or partial or minute 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, lightning, rain, wind, water, wild and domestic animals, insect, reptiles, which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite 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 man-made changes in landscape.

7) **Sharp Noises & Carry – On Objects:** I UNDERSTAND THAT Visitors/Riders must not carry loose items which may fall, blow away, flap in the wind, bounce, or make sharp noises, possibly scaring a horse or other livestock. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: cameras, hats not securely fastened under chin, toys and purses. Visitors/Riders must not make sharp, loud noises, such as screaming or yelling which may scare a horse.

8) **Saddle Girths** – Natural Loosening: I UNDERSTAND THAT: Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around a horse’s belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the nearest guide or wrangler as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.

9) **Accident/Medical Insurance:** I UNDERSTAND THAT: should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses. My accidental/medical insurance company is _____ and my policy number is _____.

10) **Protective Headgear Offering:** I, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, have been offered protective headgear (riding helmet) and understand that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries, and may even prevent death happening as the result of a fall or other occurrence. It is understood that STABLE-PROVIDED protective headgear may not be of perfect fit for each rider’s head.

HELMETS MUST BE USED BY ALL CAMPER'S WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING.

_____ 11) **Liability Release:** In consideration of THIS STABLE allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein I, the rider, and the parent or legal guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release THIS STABLE its owners, agents, employees, officers, members, premises owners, insurers and affiliated organizations from legal liability due to THIS STABLES ordinary negligence and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS STABLES gross and willful negligence. I shall bring no claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, and/or litigation against THIS STABLES and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS STABLE to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of THIS STABLE.

SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

Take the time to read through these important guidelines.

- * **Be aware of your horse and other animals. They have a mind of their own. They will use it.**
- * **Sudden movements, running, loud noises & unfamiliar objects startle horses and other animals!**
- * **A group of horses tied up together is a potentially hazardous situation.**
- * **Do not enter the area of tied up horses without a guide.**
- * **Don't let your horse or pony eat or graze on the grass or on the trail.**
- * **Don't follow the horse ahead of you too closely. Horses find tailgating as annoying as you do & may kick. A good following distance is at least a horse length.**
- * **Don't pass the Trail Boss. She/he is there to maintain control of the ride.**
- * **Do not continue on a trail ride if a member of the group has dismounted.**
- * **If there are children on a trail ride that lose emotional control or if anyone does not follow the Trail Bosses instruction, they will walk back to the office and their ride will be complete.**
- * **Ask questions before leaving if you have any doubt about reining and controlling your horse.**
- * **Rules/guidelines are written with your safety in mind. Make sure we know you are a beginner!**
- * **There are hidden dangers in nature & on the trail so visitors/riders need to be alert at all times and in control of his/her horse. No cell phone use allowed on trail rides!**

ALL RIDERS, VISITORS, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW AFTER READING THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANTS PHYSICAL CONDITION, EXPERIENCE AND AGE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

If you have the same last name, the head of the family may sign for all.

Print Name of Head of Household/Visitor/Rider

Signature of Individual, Head of Family, Parent, Guardian, Spouse