



# *Pinewood Stable*

## **Riding Lessons Contract For Children**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, **2025**

I (Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ am contracting with Pinewood Stable to provide riding lessons to \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Rider's name), Age: \_\_\_\_\_, height \_\_\_\_\_ and weight \_\_\_\_\_.

In consideration for the use today, and on all future dates of the property, facilities, horses and instruction of the Instructor, the Student Rider and Parent/Guardian hereby expressly agrees to the following:

### **I. PAYMENT**

Riding Lessons class spots will be reserved only upon receipt of this contract and a deposit of \$60.00. The remaining package balance must be paid at or before the first class. Payments may be made by cash or check.

### **II. LESSONS**

A lesson is one hour and consists of the Student Rider grooming and tacking their own horse (depending on age and lesson package); mounting each Student Rider; tack adjustments; warm-up time; exercises while mounted; cool-down; un-tacking and re-grooming. Lessons may also include non-mounted activities including horse anatomy; correct tack terminology and care; proper horse care; stall maintenance; grooming and feeding. At Pinewood Stable, we try to teach our Student Riders not only how to correctly and confidently ride a horse, but the responsibilities of owning and caring for a horse as well.

It is the responsibility of the Student Rider or his or her Parent/Guardian to inform Pinewood Stable of any medical concerns or physical disabilities which may impact his or her safety or ability to perform correctly during the scheduled riding lesson.

Children that are scared and/or crying will not be put on a horse. Alternate lesson plans will be taught until the child is physically and mentally prepared to ride.

Student Riders must be appropriately dressed for riding and the weather. All Student Riders will wear pants, closed-toe shoes or boots, and an ASTM/SEI-approved helmet. A Student Rider will be allowed to use a Pinewood Stable helmet for the first four lessons, after which they must provide their own.

### III. LESSON PACKAGES

Pinewood Stable offers many different lesson packages to suit every rider's level of skill, ability and areas of interest. Please note that there is a rider weight limit of 250 lbs and this rule is strictly enforced.

**If you wish to continue with lessons, please let the office (not your instructor) know by your third lesson, otherwise your lesson spot will be given to another student!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Learning to Ride – Private lessons**

Single lesson

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 60.00 per single lesson

4 lesson discounted package

\_\_\_\_\_ \$220.00 per package

\_\_\_\_\_ **Western Games Private Lessons** (Min age of 12 and must have first passed basic riding lessons)

Single lesson

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 65.00 per single lesson

4 lesson discounted package

\_\_\_\_\_ \$240.00 per package

\_\_\_\_\_ **My Little Pony\* – Private lessons**

Single lesson

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50.00 per single lesson

4 lesson discounted package

\_\_\_\_\_ \$180.00 per package

\*Introduction to ponies. This is perfect for smaller children who have never been up close to a pony before. The first lessons are non-mounted and if the child is comfortable, it can become lead-line. Students will see, touch, pet and groom small ponies. Children ages 5 to 7.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Therapeutic Riding Instruction**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 65.00 per single lesson

\_\_\_\_\_ \$240.00 per package

Billed Party for therapy lessons: Self, Private Org. or Govt. \_\_\_\_\_

\*All therapy students, regardless of age, are required to wear a helmet.

#### **Private Lesson Make-up**

Private Lessons are pre-scheduled and Student Riders are required be punctual. If a Student Rider is late to the lesson, the lesson will not be extended. If the Student Rider is more than 20 minutes late, the lesson horse will be returned to its pasture, the lesson will be cancelled as unexcused and no make-up lesson will be given. If the lesson starts late due to the fault of the Riding Instructor, or Pinewood Stable, the lesson will be extended, if possible. In the alternative, the Student Rider will receive credit for the same length of time toward another lesson.

Absences will only be excused for unforeseen emergencies and not to accommodate vacations, other activities, plans or work schedules. Therefore, please do not double-book your child's activities for the same date and time as his or her riding lessons. Approved make-up lessons will be scheduled during the week of the missed lesson. Unexcused absences will not be made up and payment for the missed lesson will not be refunded.

#### **IV. CONDUCT POLICY FOR STUDENT RIDERS AND THEIR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND GUESTS DURING LESSONS.**

##### **Disciplinary Policy.**

Pinewood Stable reserves the right to discipline a Student Rider, a Parent/Guardian or guest, according to its stated procedure outlined below. If disciplinary actions are required, the lesson payments will not be refunded.

##### **Conduct.**

The following conduct will not be tolerated.

- Arguing with or disobeying the Riding Instructor;
- Disrespect to the Riding Instructor;
- Abuse or mistreatment of a horse or other Pinewood Stable animal;
- Disruption or interference with another Student Rider's lesson;
- Unsafe conduct that puts the Student Rider or another person's safety in danger;
- Disrespectful behavior toward others, including inappropriate actions or language.
- Intentional violation of Pinewood Stable's General Rules. (see General Rules below)

##### **Warning Policy.**

Pinewood Stable and its Riding Instructors will give Student Riders two warnings only. Following the first offense, the Student Rider will be dismounted from the horse and issued a warning. Following a second offense, the Student Rider will be dismounted, dismissed from the lesson and issued a warning. A third offense will result in suspension of further lessons.

Parents, guardians and guests of the Student Rider are subject to the same warning policy. If a parent or guardian is requested to leave Pinewood Stable property, the riding lesson will be immediately terminated.

#### **V. GENERAL RULES**

1. Only the Student Rider and his/her Riding Instructor are allowed to be in the outside arenas, lesson areas or round pen during the lesson. Parents, guardians and/or guests are invited to watch the lesson from the lawn outside the lesson areas, or seated inside the indoor arena.
2. Coaching or instruction from anyone other than the Riding Instructor will not be allowed. A Student Rider can only take direction from one person at a time. Please let us do our job.
3. No loud noises during the lesson. This includes loud talking, laughing, calling to the Student Rider, slamming car doors, horns, fast driving, etc. Horses do startle from unexpected noises and we want to keep our Student Riders and Riding Instructors safe.
4. Do not use umbrellas, flash cameras or noisy electronics while horses are present.
5. Do not bring pets to Pinewood Stable during a lesson. Horses are instinctively prey animals and many are wary of strange dogs regardless of the dog's size. You will be asked to bring the pet home.
6. Keep young children quiet. No games involving fast movements, loud noises or balls.
7. Do not climb or stand on gates, panels, fences or other facility property.
8. Park in designated parking areas only. Do not park on the grass.
9. Do not enter any pastures, the barn or tack room without a Pinewood Stable representative with you.
10. Smoking anywhere on Pinewood Stable property is prohibited.
11. Do not bring alcoholic beverages onto Pinewood Stable property.
12. Respect other people's property. Please don't touch Pinewood Stable boarders' horses and tack .

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOU UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE TO ITS TERMS. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES, FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACTS OF THE STABLE, ITS OWNER, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS (THE "RELEASEES").**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ represent myself and my minor child \_\_\_\_\_  
[Print First and Last Name] [Print Child's Name]

I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
[Street Address] [City] [State] [Zip Code]

In consideration for allowing me (or my minor child) to handle and ride a horse and on behalf of myself, my child or our personal representatives, heirs, next-of-kin, spouses and assigns, I HEREBY:

1. **Acknowledge that a horse may, without warning or any apparent cause**, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, and saddles or bridles may loosen or break - all of which may cause the rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in serious injury or death.
2. **Acknowledge that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity** and involves risks that may cause serious injury and in some cases death, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.
3. **Voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death** inherent in the use of the horse, equipment and gear provided to me by Pinewood Stable.
4. **Release, discharge and agree not to sue** Pinewood Stable and/or any of its owners, employees or agents (hereinafter, the "Releasees"), for any loss, liability, damages, or cost whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury or death to my person or property.
5. **Release the Releasees** from any claim that such Releasees are or may be negligent in connection with my riding ability or experience, including but not limited to training or selection of horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjustment of saddles or bridle instruction or riding skills or leading and supervising riders.
6. **Indemnify, and save and hold harmless** Pinewood Stable, its riding instructors, its employees and agents from and against any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur arising out of or in any way connected with either my use or my minor child's use of the horse and any equipment provided or any acts or omissions of its riding instructors or other employees or agents.
7. **The Undersigned expressly agrees that the foregoing release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement is governed by the State of Minnesota** and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Minnesota law, and that in the event any portion of this agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the balance of the agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.
8. **Acknowledge that this document is a contract** and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against Pinewood Stable or its owners, agents, riding instructors or employees for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, the Undersigned will pay all attorney's fees and costs incurred by Pinewood Stable in defending such an action.
9. **State that I am not physically incompetent to participate in horse riding activities.** I am not pregnant, or have a history of epileptic seizures, heart condition or any other medical condition that could be affected by horseback riding.

I have read this entire Release of Liability Document. I understand it is a promise not to sue and to release Pinewood Stable, its owners, riding instructors, employees and agents for all claims. I have made a free and deliberate choice to sign this Release and Waiver as a condition to Pinewood Stable allowing me or my child to ride or handle a horse. I have concluded that the risks involved and the release and waiver of liability is worth the opportunity to take horse riding lessons and the pleasure of the horseback riding experience.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Date]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature]

I have read and understand the riding lesson contract, release and waiver of liability/assumption of risk and indemnity agreement. By my signature below, I accept the terms outlined and further agree to adhere to the rules of Pinewood Stable.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**STABLE REPRESENTATIVE**

By \_\_\_\_\_

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