

Hilltop ranch



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY Parent / Minor

WITNESS THIS AGREEMENT this _____ day of _____, in the year _____, by and between Hilltop Ranch LLC, hereinafter referred to as **MANAGER** and _____, hereinafter referred to as **RIDER**, and, if Rider is a minor, Rider's parent or guardian, _____. In consideration received, and in return for the use, today and on all future dates of the property, facilities, and services of Manager, Manager's instructors, employees and agents; Rider, Rider's heirs, assigns, and representatives, hereby agree as follows:

1. **INHERENT RISKS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or acting within such participant's ability.

Rider acknowledges that horses, by their very nature are unpredictable and subject to animal whim, which may include behavior including by not limited to their propensity to kick, bite, shy, buck, stumble, bolt, rear or general unpredictability. Rider assumes all risks in connection therewith, and expressively waives any claims for any injury or loss arising therefrom. Rider agrees to abide by and follow Manager's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time. Rider further acknowledges that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of Rider. Rider assumes all risks therefore and warrants a full and fair disclosure of Rider's abilities has been made to Manager.

2. **RIDER (OR RIDER'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS , INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND MANAGER AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS,**

CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, JUDGEMENTS, ORDERS, COSTS OR EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, WHICH MAY IN ANY WAY ARISE FROM OR BE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH RIDER'S USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON THE PROPERTY OF MANAGER AND THE FACILITIES LOCATED THEREON. In the event rider is a minor, the parent or guardian shall further indemnify, defend and hold Manager harmless from any such claims by said minor child, regardless of any statute of limitations or contractual limitation of actions.

3. **IN THE EVENT** Rider is using Rider's own horse, or a horse(s) not owned by Manager, Rider warrants said horse(s) shall be free from infection, contagious, or transmittable diseases. Manager reserves the right to refuse access or use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to manager to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.
4. **ANY ACTION** brought under this agreement shall be brought within one (1) year of the incident or accident giving rise to said claim. Rider agrees that damages shall be limited to \$250 for property damage, medical or other actual expenses incurred, and a maximum of \$10,000 for damages such as pain and suffering.
5. **RIDER AGREES** to waive the protection of any applicable statutes in this jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing said release.

Signature of RIDER

Signature of PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Signature of MANAGER