



## Volunteer Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work/alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What brought you to Carousel Ranch? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Interests and Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Previous horse experience and/or skills that may be useful to Carousel Ranch outside of

lessons: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer Rights

- To be treated as a co-worker
- To be given a suitable assignment
- To receive training for your job
- To be given sound guidance and direction
- To enjoy you experience

Please sign below and return to the Volunteer Coordinator or to the office staff

This is to certify that I have read the Volunteer Guidelines and that I understand the policies and practices, including the job description and other volunteer rules of conduct, both published and stated and will abide by them as a condition of my volunteering at Carousel Ranch.

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

We thank you in advance for your time, effort and dedication as a Carousel Ranch volunteer. We hope that you will enjoy your time spent here, knowing that you truly made a difference!

### Office Use Only

Form received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_



VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

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

A. **REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE:** I the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate as a volunteer at Carousel Ranch, Inc. and that this volunteer will participate today and on all future dates:

**Volunteer Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS:** This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered student, 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 in which Carousel Ranch, Inc., 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 all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The terms "STUDENT and/or 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," "ME," "MY" shall herein refer to the above registered student rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

C. **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 approximately 64<sup>th</sup> 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.

D. **NATURE OF CAROUSEL RANCH, INC.'S SCHOOL HORSES:** I UNDERSTAND THAT: Carousel Ranch, Inc. chooses its school horses for their calm disposition and sound basic training as is required for use for STUDENT RIDERS, and Carousel Ranch, Inc. follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from the horse to the ground it will generally be at a distance of 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where a human tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another much larger,

stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (the horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping short; Changing directions or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger.

E. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE AND INSPECTION OF PREMESIS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT: Carousel Ranch, Inc., is **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, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting 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. The rider and parent or legal guardian have inspected Carousel Ranch, Inc.'s facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for rider's intended purpose, usage, and presence upon Carousel Ranch, Inc.'s premises.

F. **ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE:** I AGREE THAT: Should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses.

My accident/medical insurance company is: \_\_\_\_\_

My policy number is: \_\_\_\_\_

G. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING:** I AGREE THAT: I for myself or on behalf of my child and/or legal ward have been fully warned and advised by Carousel Ranch, Inc. that protective headgear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet, should be worn while riding in an English or Western saddle (not while vaulting), or going out on a trail ride, and I do understand that wearing of such headgear at these times may reduce severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as a result of a fall and other occurrences.

H. **LIABILITY RELEASE:** I AGREE THAT: In consideration of Carousel Ranch, Inc. allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I the RIDER, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release, and discharge Carousel Ranch, Inc., its directors, officers, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on its behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Associates"), of and from all claims, demands, causes, of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to Carousel Ranch, Inc., and/or its ASSOCIATES ordinary negligence; and do further agree that except in the event of Carousel Ranch, Inc.'s gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of actions against Carousel Ranch, Inc., and it's 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 Carousel

Ranch, Inc., Hamblen, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of Carousel Ranch, whether on or off the premises of the stable.

**All Riders or Parents/Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document:**

**SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

I/WE THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT/WARNING. I/WE RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND THE ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, EXPERIENCE, & AGE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF VOLUNTEER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER OR PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

For valuable consideration given and which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby grants to Carousel Ranch, Inc.'s permission to take or have taken, photographs, video or film to be used in any advertising, news media or any other interest of Carousel Ranch, Inc. I understand that these pictures may be reproduced and circulated for publicity including newspapers, television, media, brochures, instructional materials, etc.

With respect to the foregoing matters, no inducements or promises have been made to me to secure my signature to this release other than the intention of Carousel Ranch, Inc. to use or cause to be used such photographs, films, and pictures for the primary purpose of promoting and aiding Carousel Ranch, Inc. and its work.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_