



Please read before signing.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FORM

Camper's NAME _____ Age _____

Name of Mother/Guardian _____
(Please print)

Name of Father/Guardian _____
(Please print)

If participant is a minor, Parent(s) or Guardian executes this agreement on behalf of himself/herself as well as the minor child or legal ward.

That I hereby voluntarily request to participate in activities at Camp WHOA, which may include, but are not limited to , riding lessons, with instructors, or assistant instructor, approved and designated by Megan Titus, Camp Director, riding on horses belonging to instructors at Camp WHOA at Laclede Baptist Camp.

- 1) I acknowledge and agree that I/we understand that upon mounting the horse, and taking up the reins, the rider is in primary control of the horse, and that the above mentioned person(s)/camp is not responsible for the results of the rider's actions or inactions. I further agree not to abuse, misuse or deliberately agitate the horse as these actions may result in increased risk to myself or others.
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that these activities will be on a campground, on and around horses. I realize that even under well supervised conditions, there is still risk involved. Horseback riding is classified as a rugged adventure recreational spot activity and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present. Horses are larger, more powerful, and faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to ground it will generally be from a distance of 3-1/2 to 5-1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury, paralysis or even death. Camp WHOA has chosen lesson horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training and follows a rigid risk reduction program. Yet no horse is a completely safe horse. Listed below are further examples of dangers: (a) The propensity of any horse to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around it (b) The unpredictability of any horse's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (c) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (d) Collisions with other horses or objects (e) 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 not acting within his ability.
- 3) I have been advised that rider(s) should wear a helmet and to wear it in and around any area designated by the Camp for horse riding so as to prevent horse related injuries. ASTM/SEI- certified helmets will be provided by the Camp.
- 4) By signing this RELEASE OF LIABILITY, I UNDERSTAND AND KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS that except in the event of this camp's gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against this camp, it's sponsors ,directors, instructors, assistant instructors, volunteers or their families 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 an operations of this camp, [including] while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody, and control of this camp. I assume full responsibility for my participation.
- 5) I will comply with all safety rules, procedures, and regulations of Camp WHOA and Laclede Baptist Camp. If I have any questions, or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazards during my participation, I will immediately notify the nearest instructor, director, or manager of Camp WHOA or Laclede Baptist Camp.

Warning: Under Missouri Law, Section 537.325 RSMo, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR COERCION BY ANYONE.

X of *both* parents or legal guardian required for camper or volunteer under age 18.

Signature of mother or legal guardian

Relationship to child

Signature of father or legal guardian

Relationship to child

Received and Witnessed by

Date Signed