

Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch Participation/Liability Form

Name of Participant _____ Birthdate of Student (must be 8 years of age or older) _____

Name of Guardian(if under 18) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Liability Release

_____ (name of participant) would like to participate in an Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch equine activity program. I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks of horseback riding and working around horses. However, I feel that the possible benefits to myself/my son/my daughter/my custodial child are greater than the risk assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs and assigns, waive and release forever all claims for damages against: Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch and-its Board of Directors, Instructors, Volunteers, and Employees for any and all injuries and/or losses that I/my custodial child may sustain while participating in Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch affiliated activities and special events of any kind.

Signature (Guardian if Participant is under 18) _____ Date _____

Minnesota Equine Liability Law Sec 3 (604A.12) LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES: IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY

Subdivision 1. Definitions.

- a. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.
- b. "Inherent risks of livestock activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of livestock activities, including: (1) the propensity of livestock to behave in ways that may result in death or injury to persons on or around them, such as kicking, biting, or backing; (2) the unpredictability of livestock's reaction to things like sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (3) natural hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions; or (4) collisions with other livestock or objects.
- c. "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, hinnies, goats, buffalo, llamas, or poultry.
- d. "Livestock activity" means an activity involving the maintenance or use of livestock, regardless of whether the activity is open to the general public, provided the activity is not performed for profit. Livestock activity includes: (1) livestock production; (2) loading, unloading or transporting livestock; (3) livestock shows, fairs, competitions, performances, races, rodeos, or parades; (4) livestock training or teaching activities; (5) boarding, shoeing, or grooming livestock; or (6) riding or inspecting livestock or livestock equipment.
- e. "Livestock activity sponsor" means a person who sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for a livestock activity that is open to the general public.
- f. "Participant" means a person who directly and intentionally engages in a livestock activity. "Participant" does not mean a spectator who is in an authorized area.

Subdivision 2. Immunity from Liability, except as provided in subdivision 3, a nonprofit corporation, association, or organization, or a person or other entity donating service, livestock, facilities, or equipment for the use of a nonprofit corporation, association, or organization, is not liable for the death or injury to a participant resulting from the inherent risks of livestock activities. **Subdivision 3. Exceptions.** Subdivision 2 does not apply if any of the following exist: (1) the person provided livestock for the participant and failed to make reasonable efforts to determine the ability of the participant to safely engage in the livestock activity, or to determine the ability of the participant to safely manage the particular livestock based on the participant's representations of the participant's ability; (2) the person provided equipment or tack for the livestock and knew, or should have known, that it was faulty to the extent that it caused injury or death; (3) the person owns or leases the land upon which a participant was injured or died because of a man-made dangerous latent condition and failed to use reasonable care to protect the participant; (4) the person is a livestock activity sponsor and fails to comply with the notice requirement of subdivision 4; or (5) the act of omission of the person was willful or negligent. **Subdivision 4. Posting Notice.** A livestock activity sponsor shall post plainly visible signs at one or more prominent locations in the premises where the livestock activity takes place that include a warning of the inherent risks of the livestock activity and the limitation of liability under this section.

I have read and/or been informed of the Minnesota Equine Liability Law.

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Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment CONSENT PROVISION: In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the process of receiving services, or while being on the property of Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch, I authorize Ironwood Springs to secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed, and to release client records upon request to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical treatment. This authorization includes x-rays, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment deemed 'life saving' by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the client (student or volunteer) is unable to communicate.

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Photo and Publicity Release I consent to and authorize the use and reproduction of any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my son/my daughter/my custodial child for promotional printed material or for any use to benefit the programs at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch.

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