

Permission for Horseback Riding

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Camp Fire Heart of Iowa, Camp Hantesa offers horseback riding for children and adults. The participant (and, if a child, the responsible adult) must sign this permission form before they may participate. Horseback riding is classified as rugged adventure recreational sport activity, and despite all the safety precautions there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present. No horse is a completely safe horse. If a rider should fall from a horse to the ground, a general distance of about 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, the impact may result in injury to the rider. Furthermore, should a horse be 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 direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, or running from what it perceives as danger.

Safety

All reasonable precautions will be taken during each ride. Riders will be required to wear long pants, protective footwear (boots and socks), and a helmet (certified ASTM/SEI) while around horses. Those who refuse to comply with our safety procedures will not be allowed to ride. While each participant is responsible for bringing his or her own personal equipment, a limited number of boots, seat pants, and socks are available at the barn.

Under Iowa law, a domesticated animal professional is not liable for damages suffered by, an injury to, or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of domesticated animal activities, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 673. You are assuming the inherent risks of participating in this domesticated animal activity.

A number of inherent risks are associated with a domesticated animal activity. A domesticated animal may behave in a manner which results in damages to property or an injury or death to a person. A domesticated animal may react unpredictably to conditions, including but not limited to, a sudden movement, loud noise, an unfamiliar environment, or to the introduction of unfamiliar persons, animals, or objects.

The domesticated animal may also react in a dangerous manner when a condition or treatment is considered hazardous to the welfare of the animal, such as a collision with an object or animal, or when a participant fails to exercise reasonable care, take adequate precautions, or use adequate control when engaging in a domesticated animal activity. Failing to maintain reasonable control of the animal or failing to act in a manner consistent with the person's abilities might lead to the possibility of a domesticated animal to react dangerously. Camp Hantesa staff reserve the right to remove a rider from the horse if either is in danger.

Camp Hantesa provides trained horses and trained staff for our riding program. Every precaution is taken to provide a safe riding experience for children and adults. This permission form must be signed by the participant and the responsible adult if the participant is a child.

(Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or legal Guardian)

(Date)

This signed form must be returned to Camp Hantesa or the Camp Fire Service Center before riding. It may be mailed, faxed, or personally delivered.