

**2011 Liability Waiver: Please Read Carefully**

**WARNING (Act 351 of 1994)**

**Under the Michigan equine activity liability act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.**

I have requested participation in an equine activity. I agree that my participation is subject to the rules and conditions in this release and those specifically set by Liberty Valley Ranch, 4301 Hayes Tower Road, Gaylord, MI.

1. **Regarding rider responsibilities:** I understand that upon mounting a horse the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety. Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the Ranch Staff as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal. Rider assumes the responsibility to alert the Ranch staff immediately of any safety concerns.

2. **Regarding rider behavior:** I understand and agree that I may be asked to vacate the premise immediately without prior notice-this includes but is not limited to myself, personal property and horse(s), for any behavior or actions on the part of myself and/or horse(s) which is deemed inappropriate, negligent, and/or dangerous. I understand and agree my actions and those of my horse(s) may be prohibited, limited, and/or controlled at any time by the staff of Liberty Valley Ranch.

3. **Regarding inherent risks associated with equine activities:** I accept and understand that my participation subjects me to inherent risks, dangers and conditions associated with equine activities including but not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in way which may result in injury, harm or death to humans, other animals or property. Additionally, the unpredictability of equine reactions to sounds, movements, smells, unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, hazards related to surface and sub surface conditions, collisions with other equines, objects or persons and the potential of another participant to act in a negligent or unskilled manner may contribute to the injury or death of the participant or others. Pregnant women are advised not to ride horses.

4. **Regarding the Hold Harmless status of Liberty Valley Ranch:** I agree to assume responsibility for those risks and I forever release and agree to hold harmless Liberty Valley Ranch, the owners of real or personal property, the owners, lessor or lessees of any property upon which an activity may be held, their family, friends, employees and/or associates or any other organizational body or persons directly or indirectly connected with my participation in an "equine activity" or ranch activity from all liability in accordance with the Michigan Equine Liability Act and for negligence resulting in accidents, damage, injury, death or illness to myself and to my property, including the horses(s) which I may ride, own, lease and/or otherwise have in my control.

5. **Protective Headgear:** Helmets are required and provided to all riders. We provide certified equestrian helmets at no extra charge. Helmets that are not ASTM/SEI certified and in protective working condition are not permitted.

**I HAVE READ & AGREE WITH THIS WAIVER PRIOR TO SIGNING**

**I am a (Please check one)...**  Adult Rider  Adult Rider & Guardian (Minors below)  Non-Riding Parent/Guardian (Minors below)

**My Experience Level:**  None (Never-1st time)  Intermediate (ride often, can control horse at walk, trot, & canter)  
(Check one)  Beginner (Little or long time)  Advanced (ride a lot, can control horse at walk, trot, canter, & gallop)  
 Confident Beginner (can control horse at walk & trot)

Adult / Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or any youth listed below have any health conditions and/or disabilities which we should be aware of?  NO  YES...

If yes...please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send next year's Ranch flyers via...  Mail or  Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\* HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDERS.**

<b>LVR OFFICE USE ONLY</b> <b>PAYMENT RECEIVED:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check _____ Received By: _____
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**YOUTH RIDERS: \*Parent or legal guardian must sign for participants under 18 years and wholly assumes all risks.**

**Youth (under 18 yrs old) and currently under the above Adult's Guardianship:**

**Youth's Name (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Riding Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth's Name (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Youth's Riding Experience: \_\_\_\_\_