

→ **Guest Waiver: Complete and return this form to CETA when applicable**

**RELEASE, WAIVER and INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT  
NOTICE of APPLICABLE STATUTES**

***You participate at your own risk. Read this carefully!***

***Horseback riding, carriage driving, cross country recreational trail riding, competition and other equine activities, mounted, un-mounted, in preparation to participate, or as a spectator ("Equine Activities") are EXTREMELY dangerous. It is my/my child's choice to participate in Equine Activities for personal benefit. In this Agreement, I/my child accept all of these risks, and agree to release and indemnify any Protected Party from any and all liability for accident or injury, including death, while participating in Equine Activities.***

In exchange for permission to participate in Equine Activities and to use private property ("Property") while engaging in Equine Activities for personal benefit and enjoyment, I/my child acknowledge and agree that:

- 1. EQUINE ACTIVITIES ARE DANGEROUS.** Equine Activities involve substantial inherent and other risks, including, without limitation, (i) the possibility of an equine behaving in dangerous ways which may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them. (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals (including the activities of Landowners), (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface, trail, trail-side, and adjoining area conditions, (iv) negligent conduct of other riders or uncontrolled horses and (v) unsecured, dilapidated or unsafe jumps or obstacles due to natural conditions or neglect. *I/my child understand and assume all risks involved in Equine Activities.*
- 2. PROTECTED PARTIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE.** CETA, its officers and any Landowner or Lessee of Property (including their boards, officers, employees, agents and volunteers) (the "Protected Party/Parties") shall **not** be responsible or legally liable for my/my child's presence on the Property or participation in Equine Activities. *I/my child release and hold harmless any Protected Party for, and indemnify them against, any and all loss, damage or injury, including death, from any cause, including the negligence of any Protected Party.*
- 3. LANDOWNERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE.** I have paid no charge or fee to any Landowner for my/our recreational use of the Property. Any dues or fees paid to non-landowners are for benefits or services provided or event entrance fees.
- 4. PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN:** The Property, including any obstacles intended for jumping, is **not** an attractive nuisance and I am solely responsible for supervising my child's Equine Activities. *I will not permit my minor child to participate in Equine Activities without such supervision, instruction and experience, as I deem necessary for his/her safe participation.*
- 5. MEMBERS LIABLE FOR GUESTS:** I understand and agree that I assume all liability for any guest that I bring onto CETA trails. I agree to have all guests sign a current CETA liability waiver, and that in the case of minor children, I will have ALL legal guardians sign liability waivers for them. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless CETA, its officers and landowners for any claims, damage or injury, including death, that arise as a result of my bringing guests onto CETA trails, whether such damage, injury or death shall be to my guest or their property, myself or my property, or any third party or their property.
- 6. MULTI-USE PROPERTY AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS:** Many other people may be using the Property for a variety of purposes. Horses and other livestock, wild animals, other riders, hikers, bikers, resident or roaming dogs, children, hunters, persons using power equipment, machinery and vehicles, trespassers and many other potential users and hazards are likely to be encountered on multi-use Property and may cause accidents, injury, death, loss or damage while on the Property whether or not engaged in Equine Activities. Property conditions change constantly due to hazards caused by water, waterways, soil and subsurface conditions, trees, vegetation, animals and other natural or man-made causes, including neglect or negligent maintenance. The Property may be in remote locations difficult to find or inaccessible to emergency responders and may not have available cellular telephone service. *I/my child accept and assume all risk of natural or man-made hazards or dangerous conditions while on the Property, release Protected Parties from such risks whether or not related to Equine Activity, and agree that no Protected Party is responsible for emergency assistance.*
- 7. SKILL, EXPERIENCE AND PHYSICAL ABILITY AND INSURANCE:** Equine Activities require skill and experience. Different horses are suitable for different levels of riders and for participation in different Equine Activities. I understand the Protected Parties do not provide medical or hospitalization insurance. *I/my child assume the risk of accident, injury, death, loss or damage resulting from rider inexperience and failure to control any horse. I certify that I/my child have no physical conditions or limitations which would prevent safe participation in Equine Activities. I/my child understand that the above-described risks are foreseeable, and agree to release and hold harmless Protected Parties even if they have actual knowledge of such risks and their acts or omissions are negligent. I hereby consent, direct and authorize CETA, CETA landowners, and CETA officers to engage any emergency medical or veterinary care, including transportation, required for me/my child or horse(s), and hereby release and indemnify CETA, its officers and landowners, and assume all associated risks and agree to pay all associated costs.*
- 8. SAFETY HELMETS AND EQUIPMENT:** I/my child understand that wearing proper headgear as protection from serious head injury is a mandatory condition for riding on CETA trails and take full responsibility for compliance with this rule. I/my child further understand(s) that all Protected Parties strongly recommend wearing a helmet that meets the standards of the SEI Certified ASTM Standard F 1163 Equestrian Helmet while mounted and/or while working with a horse.

**NOTICE OF LAWS LIMITING LIABILITY AND STATUTORY WARNINGS:**

In addition to the release, waiver and indemnity provisions of this Agreement, I understand and agree that I/my child have been advised that the duty of care owed by a Landowner and I/my child's ability to recover damages from any Protected Party, are affected by the applicable State and Federal laws, and that the Protected Parties are relying on the limitation of liability provided by these statutes and this Agreement as a condition for use of the Property and participation in Equine Activities. For property in North Carolina, a Landowner's duty of care is generally limited to that owed to a trespasser (NC Statutes, Section 38A-4).

**WARNING: Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.**

I/MY CHILD PARTICIPATES IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES FOR PERSONAL BENEFIT AND ENJOYMENT, AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL RULES OF PARTICIPATION AND PROPERTY USE OF CETA AND OF ALL "PROTECTED PARTIES" AND VENUES. I/MY CHILD HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS ANY PROTECTED PARTY FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY ACCIDENT, INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING DEATH, RESULTING FROM EQUINE ACTIVITIES, USE OF THE PROPERTY, AND/ OR NEGLIGENCE BY ANY PROTECTED PARTY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER WILL REVOKE PERMISSION TO USE THE PROPERTY IT IS MY INTENTION FOR MY/MY CHILD'S HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, THAT EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, I/MY CHILD WILL NOT BRING ANY CLAIM, CAUSE OF ACTION, AND/OR LIABILITY SUIT AGAINST, AND WILL RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFY ANY PROTECTED PARTY FROM AND AGAINST, ANY LOSS, COST OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ANY INJURY WHICH WE MAY SUFFER ON THE PROPERTY OR PARTICIPATING IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION I/MY CHILD AGREE TO REIMBURSE AND INDEMNIFY THE PROTECTED PARTIES FROM ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM OUR NEGLIGENCE OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SUBROGATION OR OTHER ACTIONS BY THIRD PARTIES. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT DURING ALL EQUINE ACTIVITIES AND/OR USE OF THE PROPERTY.

I hereby state that I am of lawful age to sign this agreement, or that all parents or guardians of any minor child have signed, and understand that each and every one of the terms are contractual and not a mere recital, and that this document is signed by my own free act. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall not expire nor require annual renewal.

***I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT.***

***I AM GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS, CREATING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, AND ASSUMING ALL RISK OF LOSS OR INJURY.***

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Minors \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of ALL Guardians \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner/host name \_\_\_\_\_