

Camp Marshall Visitor Rules

In preparation for your visit to our stables I would like to go over a few safety rules prior to your visit and a list of items that you should plan to bring along with you.

- Release forms must be signed by all visitors to our stable (these will be provided to the Girl Scout Council for distribution)
- Appropriate Clothing- Comfortable Clothing, as we will be moving around during the session. Check the weather as we will be outside
- Appropriate Shoes: Work boots or a heeled boot is recommended but not mandatory
- Water bottle or drink
- Snack if desired for the video part of our session
- Please feel free to ask question as part of your session

Barn Safety Rules

Prior to entering our stables we will review these rules once again. Please feel free to ask any questions at this time.

- Quiet Please: No yelling, Screaming or loud music in the barn area or indoor
- No Running: Please walk at all times and be respectful to the others that may be in the barn area
- No Fooling Around: we must be on our best behavior to ensure everyone's safety
- If a Horse is coming in or out of his or her stall please stand clear.
- Make sure that you are always at a safe distance behind any horse
- Stay together as a group
- Please do not turn on any of the water faucets or touch electrical outlets
- No Touching: We have many horses on the property, some are owned by camp and other are boarders, so please do not touch any of the horses unless you have been told it is ok or you have asked. Horses can bite. So be careful. We do not have any known biters but you never know and safety is our first concern during your visit.
- Caution: Do not touch the fences in the fields, they may be electric
- Please do not feed the horses anything unless you have asked or if you are given treats by the staff
- Make sure to listen to direction to ensure the proper treatment of our horses while participating in the hands on activities
- Make sure to ask your chaperones to leave the group if necessary
- Planned Activities: Activities have been planned that are hands on. You will be working directly with the horses. Please be patient and wait to be called for your turn to participate in the activity. Everyone will get a turn.
- If taking advantage of the riding portion notes that all participants that mount must wear a helmet. (protective head gear)

Most of all we want you to enjoy yourself and learn about horses.



Camp Marshall

HORSEMANSHIP, AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION

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HORSE PROGRAMS HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE FORM

The Undersigned assumes the unavoidable risks inherent in all horse-related activities, including but not limited to bodily injury, death, and physical harm to rider, horse and spectator. In consideration, therefore, for the privilege of riding, working around horses, riding lessons, boarding, training, any horse related activities or visiting at **WORCESTER COUNTY 4-H CENTER** located at **92 McCORMICK ROAD, SPENCER, MA.**

The Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify **CAMP MARSHALL**, owners of **CAMP MARSHALL**, Board Members, Directors, and Instructors, and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, death, or illness to the Undersigned or to any horse owned or leased by the Undersigned or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises. This is to include any coaching at any trial event, trail ride, horse show or summer horse camp. Any trucking done by **CAMP MARSHALL** owner of horse will hold **ALL** insurance (injury, illness or death) on horse being transported by **WORCESTER COUNTY 4-H CENTER, CAMP MARSHALL**

Participant Signature

Date

Print Participant Name, Address, and Phone #

Email Address

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Worcester County 4-H Center

Warning: Under Massachusetts Law, an equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant of Chapter 128, Section 2D of the General Laws.

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**HORSE RENTAL, EQUESTRIAN, GUIDE & OUTFITTER SERVICES AGREEMENT, LIABILITY RELEASE, AND
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT [FOR INDIVIDUALS]**

READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS BEFORE SIGNING

A. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANT AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE I, the following listed individual, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily agree to participate in horse rental services and/or guide and outfitter services provided by CAMP MARSHALL.

PARTICIPANT NAME	AGE (if under 18)	WEIGHT Over 240?	HORSE RIDING EXPERIENCE (Check one that applies)
1.	2. Age _____ 3. DOB _____	4. Yes _____ No _____	5. ___ Beginner (under 10 hours) ___ Over 10 hours
6. Does participant have any physical or mental condition(s) that may affect his/her safety and ability to ride a horse? YES NO (circle one)			
7. If you circled "YES", how can we help this participant with his/her special needs?			
8. <u>MEDICAL INSURANCE</u> I/WE AGREE THAT: Should medical treatment be required, I and/or my medical insurance shall pay for ALL such incurred expenses > My medical insurance company is _____. My policy number is _____.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I do NOT carry medical insurance.			

WRITE INTIALS BELOW AFTER READING EACH SECTION. PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

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B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered participant, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of the state and county of THIS STABLE'S physical location. This agreement is intended to be valid and binding at all times now and in the future when THIS STABLE permits me (directly or indirectly) to enter THIS STABLE'S property, be on THIS STABLE'S property, be near any horse, receive instruction or guidance from its associates and/or when I ride and/or am near horses on or off of THIS STABLE'S property. Any disputes by the participant shall be litigated in, and venue shall be the county in which THIS STABLE is physically located. This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as the law permits. If any clause, phrase, or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The terms "HORSE" and "EQUINE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The terms "I", "WE", "ME", "MY" shall herein refer to the above registered participant and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

C. INHERENT RISKS/ASSUMPTION OF RISKS I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that risks, conditions, and dangers are inherent in (meaning an integral part of) horse/equine/animal activities, regardless of all feasible safety measures which can be taken, and I agree to assume them. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to any of the following: The propensity of an animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, death, or loss to persons on or around the animal; The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; A collision, encounter, and/or confrontation with another equine, animal, a person, or an object; The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, harm, death, or loss to the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine and/or failing to act within the ability of the participant. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to ground, it will generally be at a distance of from 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in harm to the rider. Horseback riding is an activity in which one much smaller, weaker predator animal (the human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another much larger, stronger prey animal that has a mind of its own (the horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural instincts which may include, but are not limited to: Stopping short; Spinning around; Changing directions and/or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking; Rearing; Kicking; Biting; and/or Running from danger. I also acknowledge that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume others not mentioned above. I am not relying on THIS STABLE to list all possible risks for me.

D. WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE PARTICIPATION, CONDITIONS OF NATURE WARNING, UNFAMILIAR AND SUDDEN SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND MOVEMENTS WARNING, AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: The participant may be taking part in a "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE" that may be hazardous to people. I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT The meaning of "WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE" is defined as the pursuit of activity in a natural and/or wild and/or rugged and/or uncultivated area or region, as of forest and/or hills and/or mountains and/or plains and/or wetlands, which would likely be uninhabited by people and inhabited by wild animals of many types and species to include, but not limited to, mammals, reptiles, and insects, which are not tame, may be savage and unpredictable in nature and also wandering at their will. I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: THIS STABLE is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature and/or sudden and/or unfamiliar sights, sounds and/or sudden movements that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape. I also acknowledge that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume others not mentioned above. I am not relying on THIS STABLE to list all possible conditions for me. The participant and part or legal guardian have inspected THIS STABLE'S facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for this participant's intended purpose, usage, and presence upon THIS STABLE'S premises.

E. CARRY-ON OBJECTS WARNING AND SHARP, LOUD NOISES AWRNING I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: When approaching, mounting, and riding horses, I must not carry loose items that may fall or blow away or flap in the wind or bounce or make sharp or loud noises, the action of which may scare horses causing them to react in unsafe ways. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Cameras, cell phones, hats not securely fastened under chin, toys, purses. When near or riding a horse, participants must not make sharp or loud noises, such as whistling or screaming or yelling, the sound of which may scare horses causing them to react in unsafe ways.

F. SADDLE GIRTH LOOSENING WARNING I/WE ACKNOWLEDDGE THAT: Saddle girth s (fastener straps around the horse's belly) may loosen during riding. Riders must alert the nearest attendant of any girth looseness so action can be taken to avoid saddle slippage and the potential for the rider to fall from the horse.

G. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR/HELMET WARNING AND OFFERING: I/WE AGREE THAT: I for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward have been warned and advised by THIS STABLE that protective headgear/helmet, which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet, should be worn while riding, handling, and/or being near horses, and I understand that the wearing of such headgear/helmet at these times may reduce severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences. I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: THIS STABLE has offered me, and my child and/or legal ward if applicable, protective headgear/helmet that meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet. I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: Protective headgear/helmet provided by THIS STABLE may not be of perfect fit for the participant's head, and that once provided I/WE will be responsible for securing the headgear/helmet on the participant's head at all times. I am not relying on THIS STABLE and/or its associates to check any headgear/helmet or headgear/helmet strap that I may wear, or to monitor my compliance with this suggestion at any time now or in the future.

H. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR/HELMET POLICY THIS STABLE'S PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR/HELMET POLICY:
I understand and agree that THIS STABLE requires that all riders must wear ASTM Standard F 1163 Protective Headgear/Helmets.

I. LIABILITY RELEASE I AGREE THAT: In consideration of THIS STABLE allowing my participant in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on their behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Associates") of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to THIS STABLE'S and/or ITS ASSOCIATE'S ordinary negligence or legal liability; and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS STABLE'S gross negligence and/or willful and/or wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against THIS STABLE and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury and/or death and/or property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS STABLE, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by me or owned by THIS STABLE, or in the care, custody, or control of THIS STABLE, whether on or off the premises of THIS STABLE, but not limited to being on THIS STABLE'S premises.

J. EQUINE ACTIVITIES LIABILITY ACT (EALA) WARNING OR LANGUAGE: (This clause applies only for operations located in these states: AL, AZ, CO, DE, FL, GA, IL, IA, IN, KY, KS, LA, ME, MA, MI, MS, MO, NE, NC, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TX, TN, VA, VT, WV, and WI.) I acknowledge that I have reviewed this state's EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY CT WARNING OR LANGUAGE, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated as if fully set forth herein. INSTRUCTION TO SIGNERS: DO NOT SIGN UNLESS A COPY OF THE EALA WARNING OR LANGUAGE IS ATTACHED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

Each Participant and Parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading and completing this entire document

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, REPRESENT THAT I/WE HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, LIABILITY RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT. I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I/WE AM GIVING UP RIGHTS TO SUE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE. I/WE ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE. I AM SIGNING THIS WHILE OF SOUND MIND AND NOT SUFFERING FROM SHOCK, OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICANTS.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT (Spouses must sign for themselves.)

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, AND/OR SPOUSE

DATE

ADDRESS IN FULL

HOME PHONE # _____ BUS. PHONE # _____

PERSONS TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT (_____) _____
PHONE #

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**PROTECTIVE EQUESTRIAN HEADGEAR AGREEMENT AND RELEASE
(TO BE COMPLETED WHEN RIDER WEARS HELMET OFFERED BY THIS STABLE)**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

PRINT NAME OF RIDER: _____

ADDRESS OF RIDER: _____

Camp Marshall has offered and provided, at my request, an equestrian helmet that meets or exceeds SEI certification - ASTM F 1163 standards for use when riding or near horses.

I, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, release and discharge **Camp Marshall** and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, insurers, assigns, and others acting on their behalf, of and from all claims, demands, or causes of action, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of bodily injury or property damage that may be sustained, or property damage which may occur, as a result of the use of the helmet provided.

I also understand that neither **Camp Marshall**, nor its employees can guarantee the suitability of any helmet provided.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING AND DO UNDERSTAND ITS WARNINGS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER or Parent or Guardian (SPOUSES MUST SIGN FOR THEMSELVES)

DATE _____

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