

ROCKING J RANCH LLC-LIABILITY RELEASE

Each Rider Must be listed, Parent/Guardian Sign for under 18 yrs old.

“THIS LAW IS POSTED AT THE SIGN IN AREA OF THE RANCH”

Rev. Stat.Mo 1994 – WARNING: Serious injuries have occurred around this type of Activity. There are no guarantees of safety. Under Mo. Law an equine professional Is NOT LIABLE for an injury to or the death of a participant in Equine activities Resulting from the Inherent risk, due to the unpredictable nature of the horse.

REGISTRATION OF RIDERS & AGREEMENT PURPOSE: In consideration of a fee, & in signing Of this agreement from now on whether the activity is at Rocking J Ranch or away that either for me and or for my child that this shall be from now on.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: I/we have been offered headgear and warned that by wearing it can greatly reduce injury to the head, while on or around the horse. Head injuries are one of the Most common with any action activity , & you are off the ground 4 to 6 ‘.

CONDITION OF NATURE & PREMISES: The ground footing may be uneven or rocky. if a horse would slip, if you stay calm and lift the reigns up it helps balance the horse while he catches his footing in the next step or 2. We are not responsible for wet or muddy trails.

ACTIVITY RISK CLASS: Rugged. Inherent risks due to the unpredictable nature of a horse to spook/bolt/kick/bite/run from danger. Injury could occur on or around a horse.

AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS: I/WE agree to assume our own liability in exchange for the benefit gain of experience and fun. **I/We will cover our own expenses, and not bring suit against Rocking J or any agent, manager, wrangler volunteer or owner(s) of the land therein.**

*******IMPORTANT INFORMATION(READ OUT LOUD to your kids or group)*******

RIDER’S RESPONSIBILITIES & SAFTY RULES & HOW HORSES OPERATE

Sandals and flip flops are **NOT ALLOWED**. Also **Hiking boots** Usually are too wide to fit into our stirrup. Please Wear/ boot with a heel , tennis shoes, or any full shoe that stays on. Upon taking up the reins – you are in control of a vehicle and should operate it only if you are sober/drug free /and willing to accept instruction and Trust your Wrangler-(Instructor) in what to do next. Let your wrangler know if you are scared or nervous or apprehensive so that can be addressed. **If after you Are in arena and you still feel unsafe like this is too much for you/ We gladly refund the fee for your horse and you can stay back .** We only take ready & willing riders out to the trail ride portion of the lesson. ☺

YOU SHOULD NOT: Scream/say Shhhhhh/squeeze foot into horse’s side(s)/ OR pull back against the horse’s Mouth, when mounting and sitting down, just remain relaxed and calm. You should not ride if you are pregnant or a doctor says you should not for another reason.

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Don't bring loose items like sunglasses, or a cell phone. Lock it up in your car. Your Wrangler will be happy to take pics for you and text them to you . We do not stop on trail for dropped items. It's for your safety.

YOU SHOULD MOUNT ON LEFT: Sit down with your back straight and shoulders back, head up, heels down, slack in the reins, and legs not squeezing against the horse's sides and wait for everyone to be mounted . The wrangler(s) will then show you how to go, how to turn, how to stop & direct you to our arena to get acclimated to your horse. Please call out to your wrangler if you need **Anything** or if your saddle feels loose or stirrup is too high or too long.

HOLDING THE REINS: Thumbs up, knuckles out, arms not bent but straightened out.

ONCE ON THE HORSE: Don't ride up against another horse with yours from the saddle to Rear of the horse is a kicking range. Stay off another horse 4 to 6' while in line or when passing in the arena. **NEVER PASS ANOTHER HORSE** on a trail ride, they are territorial and may kick or bite at the horse you are on.

DOWNHILL - lean back/ uphill you can lean forward. Tree Branch lean forward go under it.

SADDLE GIRTH LOOSENING: As you mount if the saddle shifts or If you are in arena or on trail and that saddle is not in the middle evenly on that horse's back /1st try step in opposite stirrup grab horn and stand up and pull it back to middle. Then /**TELL YOUR WRANGLER** She will come to you and check and tighten as necessary.

RELAX BREATHE/ BE HIS LEADER: To move out - Tap with heels to move forward and or try smooching or a cluck. Pull back evenly to slow down or stop then release , hand forward to let horse relax. Your horse needs you to lead him, or he will lead you.

To turn push hand forward and put fist toward the turn . or simply pull the rein out on side you want horse to go to.

YOU CAN ALWAYS STOP A HORSE NO MATTER WHAT IF: he would bolt or spook and start running away, all you need to do is bring his nose in a circle toward your toe and keep him in that circle until he stops his feet. Don't release his head at all until the horse is fully stopped.

I have read, understand and agree to all of the above & release of Liability too.

TODAY'S DATE _____

{Printed Names & ages if under 18:}

{ Signatures & Printed Name of each Adult}

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