

LIABILITY RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT [FOR INDIVIDUALS]

ACCESS ADVENTURE, INC.
Rush Ranch, 3521 Grizzly Island Rd., Suisun City, CA

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 services provided by ACCESS ADVENTURE.

1. **PARTICIPANT NAME** _____
(Please Print Name)

2. **AGE (If under 18)** _____

3. **Date of Birth:** _____

4. **WEIGHT (over 240#)** Yes _____ No _____

5. **HORSE RIDING EXPERIENCE (Check one that applies)**

_____ **BEGINNER (under 10 hours)**
_____ **OVER 10 HOURS**

6. **Does participant have any physical or mental condition(s) that may affect his or 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. **MEDICAL INSURANCE I / WE AGREE THAT:** Should medical treatment be required, I and/ or my medical insurance **shall pay** for **ALL** such incurred expenses.

WRITE INITIALS BELOW AFTER READING EACH SECTION. PARENTS or GUARDIANS MUST ALSO INITIAL.

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 ACCESS ADVENTURE'S physical location. This agreement is intended to be valid and binding at all times now and in the future when ACCESS ADVENTURE permits me (directly or indirectly) to enter ACCESS ADVENTURE'S property, be on ACCESS ADVENTURE'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 ACCESS ADVENTURE'S property. Any disputes by the participant shall be litigated in, and venue shall be the county in which ACCESS ADVENTURE 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, another 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 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 survival 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 ACCESS ADVENTURE 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: ACCESS ADVENTURE is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature and/or sudden and/ r 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 ACCESS ADVENTURE to list all possible conditions for me.

The participant and parent or legal guardian have inspected ACCESS ADVENTURE'S facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for this participant's intended purpose, usage and presence upon ACCESS ADVENTURE'S premises.

E. CARRY-ON OBJECTS WARNING AND SHARP, LOUD NOISES WARNING 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 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT: Saddle girths (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 fully warned and advised by ACCESS ADVENTURE 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:** ACCESS ADVENTURE 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:** Once provided, if I choose to wear the protective headgear/helmet offered that I/WE will be responsible for properly securing the headgear/helmet on the participant's head at all times. **I am not relying on ACCESS ADVENTURE 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. ACCESS ADVENTURE'S PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR / HELMET POLICY: I understand and agree that ACCESS ADVENTURE requires riders to wear ASTM Standard F 1163 Protective Headgear / Helmet according to the following requirements.

Rider Age Protective Headgear / Helmet Requirement:

6 Yrs and Younger For their Safety, children 6 yrs old and younger **may not** participate.

7 Yrs through 15 Yrs Must wear the protective headgear/helmet.

16 and 17 Yrs Must wear the protective headgear/helmet unless their parents or legal guardians sign the refusal statement in the box that follows.

18 Yrs and Older Must choose to wear or not to wear the protective headgear / helmet by checking the acceptance or refusal that follows.

I. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR / HELMET ACCEPTANCE OR REFUSAL SELECTION FOR RIDERS 16 YEARS AND OLDER

✓ Check your choice:

___ **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR / HELMET ACCEPTANCE:** I/ E request for this participant to wear protective headgear/helmet which **ACCESS ADVENTURE** provides and will be solely responsible for securing the headgear/helmet on the participant's head.

___ **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR/HELMET REFUSAL:** I/WE refuse for this participant to wear any type of protective headgear/helmet and/or will provide MY/OUR own. I/WE assume full responsibility for MY/ UR safety in this decision.

J. LIABILITY RELEASE I AGREE THAT: In consideration of ACCESS ADVENTURE allowing my participation 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, do agree to release, hold harmless, and discharge ACCESS ADVENTURE, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, 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 ACCESS ADVENTURE and/or ITS ASSOCIATE'S ordinary negligence or legal liability; and I do further agree that except in the event of ACCESS ADVENTURE'S gross negligence and/or willful and/or wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against ACCESS ADVENTURE and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury and/ or death and/ r property damage, sustained by me and/ r my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of ACCESS ADVENTURE, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by me or owned by ACCESS ADVENTURE, or in the care, custody or control of ACCESS ADVENTURE, whether on or off the premises of ACCESS ADVENTURE, but not limited to being on ACCESS ADVENTURE'S premises. Each Participant and Parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading and completing this entire document.

SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS and LIABILITY RELEASE

I/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.

DATE _____
SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT (Spouses must sign for themselves.)

DATE _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND/OR SPOUSE # 1

DATE _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN AND / OR SPOUSE # 2

Address in Full _____

Home Phone # _____

Bus. Phone # _____

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Relationship to Participant
PHONE NUMBER _____