



Camp Chippewa Horseback Riding Policies & Guidelines

(Please read both sides of this form and complete the release portion on the back)

Camp Chippewa takes into account your safety as well as the horse's safety with each ride that is given to participants here at Camp Chippewa. We would appreciate it if everyone, who takes part in this activity as well as those observing the activity comply with the rules and policies as written.

- 1) Everyone must wear a smooth soled boot with at least a 1-inch heel. Camp Chippewa has a small selection of used boots that you may borrow for the ride. We cannot guarantee the fit, so we encourage you to bring your own or borrow from a friend if you wear an unusual size.
- 2) Everyone **MUST** wear jeans or long pants to protect your legs from trees and branches and rubbing against the saddle. Please, no dangly jewelry, long tailed shirts, or trousers that drag the ground.
- 3) Everyone **MUST** wear a helmet, which we provide. A Staff person will fit you accordingly. Helmets must be on before entering the gate to the corral, and stay on until you are back outside of the gate. The helmets are sprayed as often as possible with an insecticide to help in the prevention of lice.
- 4) For Trail Rides Children must be in the Fifth Grade (for summer schedule - going into the Fifth Grade), and pass the arena test to participate. Lead rides will be given to those under the grade requirement, and any participants that are unable to pass the arena test given. Lead Rides are given in the corral provided the ground is dry and at the direction and guidance of the Wranglers/Camp Staff.
- 5) A person's physical fitness, build/frame is important in being able to maintain a good seat while on the horse. Our staff has the right to impose the 250 lb. weight limit. We reserve the right to deny admission to horseback activities if our staff is concerned with a person or group's safety, or the safety and well being of the animals.
- 6) A parent/ guardian or group leader must inform staff of any participant with any type of special needs prior to the activity.
- 7) No cell phones, cameras, video equipment, or headsets are allowed on the Trail Rides. Pictures can be taken after we return to the corral with the assistance of a Wrangler.
- 8) Smoking is prohibited in any activity area.
- 9) No one rides or enters the corral without a Wrangler (Camp Staff) present. Please WALK at all times coming to and from the Corral.
- 10) Please **DO NOT** approach the horses that are tied or loose inside/outside the Corral without a Wrangler's permission.
- 11) If horses are loose in the area, please notify any of the Wranglers or Site Director. **DO NOT** approach them. Please do not approach horses in the pastures; this is their home and do not have to mind their manners.
- 12) Please **DO NOT** hand feed the horses at any time.
- 13) We ask that you do not climb on fences, gates or trees in and around the Corral.
- 14) Anyone that does not have a completed release form does not comply with policies, or fails to follow directions will not be allowed to participate in the activity. Please bring your completed release form with you to the corral at the time your ride is scheduled.
- 15) Please listen to the Wranglers; they are here for your safety and to make sure you have fun!!!

Additional Information:

Each Trail Ride session is approx. 1 and ½ hour (or your group may have scheduled a special allotment of time for your group session, so this time may vary) - In this 1-1/2 hour time **INCLUDES** the following; 1. Your release forms will be collected by Camp Staff upon your arrival to the Corral; 2. Instructions and procedures will be explained in your orientation; 3. Those needing boots will be fitted; 4. Helmets will be fitted for each participant; 5. An Arena Test is given to each individual. 6. Wranglers will assign a horse to you; 7. Wranglers will assist you in mounting and adjust your stirrups. 8. When all participants are mounted and ready we go for the ride!

HAPPY TRAILS !!!!!!!



Camp Chippewa Horseback Riding Release Form

(Policies & Guidelines for horseback riding are on the back of this form)

Please read both sides of this form carefully before signing. Camp Chippewa does not guarantee your safety; serious injury may result from participation in this activity.

I, the following listed individual hereinafter known as the "rider" and the parents or legal guardians thereof, if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in horseback riding activities offered by Camp Chippewa.

Name of "Rider" _____ **Age (if under 21)** _____

This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the "rider," and the parents and/or the legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children and personal representatives. The term "Camp" herein shall refer to Camp Chippewa. The term "horse" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "Horseback Riding" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses whether from the ground or mounted. The terms "I," "me," "my" shall herein refer to the above rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor.

I understand that this Camp chooses its horses for their calm disposition and sound basic training and that this Camp follows a rigid risk reduction program. Yet no horse is a completely safe horse. Any horse can, at any moment revert from its training and act on its natural instincts. These could include, but are not limited to, bucking, shying, rearing, biting, and/or bolting. Horseback riding is classified as a "rugged adventure sport activity," and there are numerous obvious and non-obvious risks always present in such an activity despite all the safety precautions. My participation in the activity may expose me to some of the following situations plus others too numerous to list: rough, slippery or wet terrain; public or private roadways; other riders, walkers or bikers; motorized and non-motorized vehicles; trees; brush; hillsides; domestic and wild animals; and sudden weather changes.

I agree that in consideration of this Camp allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives, or assigns, do agree to hold harmless release and discharge this Camp, its owner, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises, insurers affiliated organizations, and others acting on its behalf, of and from all claims, demands, causes of action, legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to this Camp and/or its associates ordinary negligence; and I do further agree that except in the event of this Camp's gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions, and causes of action, against this Camp and its associates as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operation of this Camp, to include while riding, handling or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of this Camp whether on or off the premises of this Camp.

Note: Under Kansas Law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to sections 1 through 4. You are assuming the risk of participating in the domestic animal activity.

(c) the contracts described in subsection (a) shall contain the following language: Inherent risks of domestic animal activities include, but shall not be limited to:

- (1) The propensity of a domestic animal to behave in ways i.e., running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling, or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them;
- (2) The unpredictability of a domestic animal's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals;
- (3) certain hazards such as surfaces and subsurface conditions;
- (4) Collision with other domestic animals or objects; and
- (5) the potential of a participant to act in negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the domestic animals or not acting within such participant's ability.

I/we the undersigned, have read and do understand the foregoing agreement, warnings, release and assumptions of risk.

Signature of the Rider _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent(s) and/or Guardian / Agent _____ **Date** _____

_____ **Date** _____

Address in Full _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of the Group you are here with _____

(Boy Scout Troop #111, Church Name, or Family Event, School Name, Organization, etc.)