

**EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITY LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

I agree to the following agreement with the D-Bar-A Scout Ranch and the Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America; a Michigan non-profit Organization, (hereafter referred to as "D-Bar-A"), as a condition for allowing me, and the persons identified below, to enter the Ranch's premises and surrounding land, to be near horses, participate in equine-assisted activities, ride the horses, work near the horses, participate in hay rides, handle horses, use equipment, work with staff and volunteers, and/or receive instruction or guidance in riding, grooming, or handling the horses (these activities will hereafter be referred to in this document as "The Activities").

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact; Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

I/we are aware and acknowledge the inherent dangers, hazards and risks associated with equine activities. I/we understand that the inherent risks of the equine activities mean those dangerous conditions which are an integral part of the equine activities, include but not limited to:

1. The propensity of any equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or even death to persons on or around them and/or damage to property in their vicinity.
2. The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects persons or other animals.
3. The equine's response to certain hazards such as surface and sub-surface objects.
4. Collisions with other equines, animals, people, and objects.

The potential of any participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as falling to maintain control over the equine or to act within his/her ability. I/we assume these risks and accept the consequences involved in the participation of the participant registered on this form. I/we will consult with the Livestock Foreman for advice in circumstances where safe practices are in doubt.

**Warning: Under the Michigan equine activity liability act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.**

I/we have read and fully understand the content of this release of liability and agree to comply with the intent to hold harmless and/or to indemnify the D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Michigan Crossroads Council, and the Boy Scouts of America, its' staff, volunteers, or any other individuals and/or organizations involved, from any liability or injury that may result from participation in this program.

I/we understand that D-Bar-A always recommends that I/we seek the advice of a physician, as many of the Activities pose special physical risks to the participant and even to the volunteer. I/we acknowledge that it is my/our responsibility to make D-Bar-A, aware of any conditions that may affect my ability to handle, ride and /or be near an equine.

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**Signature of parent/guardian/participant of legal age** **Date**