

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY RELEASE, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE  
AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS  
PHILOMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This Equine Activity Liability Release, Waiver of Right to Sue and Assumption of All Risks Agreement ("this Agreement") is hereby given by the undersigned (i) to the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department, any equine activity sponsor and/or equine activity professional (in each case, the "sponsor") or equine activity volunteer, (ii) to the sponsor as agent for and for the benefit of the owner of land upon which an equine activity to which this Agreement relates is conducted ("owner"), (iii) to Philomont Volunteer Fire Department, as landowner and as volunteer members who provide facilities for equine activities (the "equine activity sponsor"), and provides as follows:

In consideration for the opportunities provided by the sponsor to the undersigned (including any minor in whose behalf the undersigned signs this Agreement) (the "participant") for the enjoyment of equine activities as participant, the participant, including any minor participant for whom he signs this Agreement, hereby agrees as follows:

1. This Agreement is given in part under the Virginia Equine Activity Liability Act (Code of Virginia Section 3.1-796.130, et seq.) as it may now provide or be hereafter amended (the "Act"). All terms defined by the Act shall have the same meaning herein, and the Act is hereby incorporated in this Agreement by reference. This Agreement shall be so construed as to provide to the sponsor and each owner the fullest protection of a release, waiver of right to sue and assumption of all risks that is afforded by the Act, by other applicable statutes and by general law.
2. The participant hereby acknowledges that he has full and complete notice and understanding of the Act and of all the risks inherent in equine activities which may cause, contribute to or result in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property (the "Risks"). These risks include, but are not limited to: (I) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) and (iv) all other risks associated with horses, horseback riding, handling horses, being in proximity to horses, and related activities.
3. The participant hereby RELEASES and WAIVES all rights which he may have or hereafter have against the sponsor and each owner for injury, loss, damage or death which is in any way resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities and/or associated with the Risks enumerated in Paragraph 2 above; he does hereby WAIVE his right to sue or to bring any action against the sponsor and each owner in connection therewith; he agrees to INDEMNIFY and DEFEND the sponsor and each owner from and to HOLD the sponsor and each owner HARMLESS against any such suit or action including reimbursement of legal fees associated with the defense of any claim; and he hereby expressly ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND DANGERS of injury, loss, damage or death which are in any way resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities and/or associated with the Risks enumerated in paragraph 2 above, including an act or omission that constitutes negligence for the safety of the participant by the sponsor, any owner or any other person .
4. The participant hereby authorizes and consents to any emergency medical care which may at the time appear reasonably appropriate under the circumstances as a result of injury or sickness caused by or incurred in the course of an equine activity.
5. This Agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect from and hereafter the date opposite the signature of the Participant until expressly revoked by the Participant in a written notice personally delivered to the sponsor.
6. To the extent possible, this Agreement shall be construed in such manner as will render it, and each provision of it, fully enforceable; but if any provision of this Agreement shall be unenforceable, such provision (or so much thereof as is unenforceable) shall be deleted and the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
7. If this Agreement is executed by the undersigned for and on behalf of a minor participant named below, the undersigned hereby warrants and represents that he is in fact the legal parent or guardian of such minor, with full rights of custody and control; that this Agreement is given on behalf of and is intended to be binding upon said minor participant, his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns; and the undersigned further agrees that this Agreement shall also be as fully binding on the undersigned as if it were entered into solely on his own behalf.
8. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the participant and the undersigned.

I HAVE FULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING EQUINE LIABILITY RELEASE, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS. I HAVE CONSULTED AND RELIED UPON MY OWN ADVISORS ON ALL QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND I HAVE NOT RELIED UPON THE SPONSOR/PROFESSIONAL, ANY OWNER OR THE EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR FOR ANY ADVICE OR EXPLANATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
**FOR MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:** Print Name of Minor Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian PRINT Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_