

Trailhead Youth Ranch,  
Hereinafter known as "STABLE"  
P.O. Box 1056  
Palo Cedro, CA 96073

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER INDIVIDUAL VISITING THE  
RANCH AND PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

**Equine Riding Instruction and/or Training Instruction and/or Participation in Other Stable Activities Agreement,  
Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement  
READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS BEFORE SIGNING**

**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Info**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to participant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Insurance Info**

My medical insurance company is \_\_\_\_\_  
My policy number is \_\_\_\_\_  
 I do not carry medical insurance

**Safety Questions**

Does this participant have any physical or mental condition(s), which may affect his / her safety and ability to ride, drive and / or train a horse?  
**Yes No (Circle One)**

If you circled "YES," how can we help them with their special needs?

**Please check all that currently apply to this PARTICIPANT:**

- AGE 18 or older
- Under AGE 18
- Over 240 lbs?
- Under 10 hours riding experience?
- Over 10 hours riding experience?

**REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANT AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE** I, the above listed individual hereinafter known as the "PARTICIPANT", and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily agree to participate in all STABLE activities including horse riding as a student of this STABLE, and that if I ride a horse provided by THIS STABLE, I will do so for instruction purposes.

**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 THIS STABLE'S physical location. This agreement is intended to be valid and binding at all times now and in the future when THIS STABLE permits me (directly or indirectly) to enter THIS STABLE'S property, be on THIS STABLE'S property, be near any horse, receiving riding and/or training instruction or guidance from its associates and/or when I ride and/or train and/or am near horses on or off of THIS STABLE'S property. Any disputes by the PARTICIPANT shall be litigated in, and venue shall be the county in which THIS STABLE 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 term "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.

**INHERENT RISKS / ASSUMPTION OF RISKS I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:** Risks, conditions, and dangers are inherent in (meaning an integral part of horse/equine/animal activities/stable 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 animals; 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 and equine and/or failing to act within the ability of the participant. Horses are 5-15 times larger, 20-40 times more powerful, and 3-4 times faster than a human. If a participant falls from horse to ground it will generally be a distance of from 3.5 to 5.5 feet and the impact may result in harm to the participant. Horseback riding and equine training are activities in which one much smaller, weaker predator(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 THIS STABLE to list all possible risks for me.

**CONDITIONS OF NATURE WARNING, UNFAMILIAR AND SUDDEN SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND MOVEMENTS WARNING, AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES I/WE AGREE THAT:** This STABLE is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature and/or sudden and/or 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 understand that these are just some of the risks and I agree to assume others not mentioned above. I am not relying on THIS STABLE to list all possible conditions for me. The participant and parent or legal guardian have inspected this STABLE'S facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for this participant's intended purpose, usage and presence upon this STABLE'S premises.

**SADDLE GIRTH/NATURAL LOOSENING I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:** Saddle girths (fastener straps around horse's belly) may loosen during riding. Participants must alert the instructor or attendant of any girth looseness so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and the potential for the participant to fall from the horse.

**PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR / HELMET WARNING I / WE AGREE THAT:** I for myself and on behalf of my child and / or legal ward have been fully warned and advised by THIS STABLE 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 and / or driving and / or training 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 am not relying on THIS STABLE and / or its associates to provide a certified helmet for me or 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.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE I / WE AGREE THAT:** Should medical treatment be required, I and / or my medical insurance company **shall pay** for **ALL such incurred expenses.**

**PHOTO RELEASE I/WE RELEASE:** release all rights to photos taken of you or the above mentioned for future use by Trailhead Youth Ranch, its staff, founders, and/or Board of Directors in ranch publications, videos, books, newsletters, etc.

**SAFETY AGREEMENT I/WE AGREE:** to stay out of all barns, paddocks, corrals, tack-rooms, and all other non-office related buildings, while waiting for horse related or other activities, or while waiting for a participant.

**LIABILITY RELEASE I / WE AGREE THAT:** In consideration of THIS STABLE allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the participant, 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 THIS STABLE, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and insurers, and others acting on their behalf (herein after, 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 THIS STABLE'S and / or ITS ASSOCIATE'S ordinary negligence or legal liability; and I do further agree that except in the event of THIS STABLE'S gross negligence and / or willful and / or wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against THIS STABLE and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury and / or death and / or property damage, sustained by me and / or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS STABLE, to include while riding, driving, training, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by me or owned by THIS STABLE, or in the care, custody or control of THIS STABLE, whether on or off the premises of THIS STABLE, but not limited to being on THIS STABLE'S premises.

**CALIFORNIA WAIVER** I, the participant, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do hereby waive all rights under Section 1542 of the Civil Code of California. That section reads as follows:

"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1542 or any similar law of any other state, and to provide a release of THIS STABLE and its associates to the fullest extent permissible under the law, I, for myself and all of the aforementioned parties, expressly acknowledge that the liability releases herein contained are intended to include, without limitation, all claims which I do not know or suspect to exist in my favor at the time of execution of this document, and that this liability release completely extinguishes all such claims, except as expressly limited in the preceding section of this agreement, entitled "Liability Release."

**All Participants and/OR Legal Guardians\* must sign below after reading this entire document.**

**SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

I / WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, REPRESENT THAT I/ WE HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENTS, LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENTS, I / WE UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant (required for anyone 13 and over)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Legal Guardian\* (required for anyone under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*Legal guardians do not include babysitters or friends of the family, unless that individual has been named guardian by a legal process; signed notes are not considered "legal."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Though each family member visiting the ranch will need a separate signed release form

◆ PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION JUST ONCE PER FAMILY IF ALL MEMBERS RESIDE AT THE SAME ADDRESS. ◆

If members live at separate locations, please fill out ONE PER RESIDENCE. Thank You!

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- PLEASE DO NOT SEND US YOUR MONTHLY E-MAIL UPDATES.
- PLEASE DO NOT SEND US YOUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.