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Equestrian Information and Required Waiver

You should have already received (or downloaded) your Confirmation Packet for your chosen camp program. These two pages are IN ADDITION to your Confirmation Packet and includes "Additional Items to Pack & Bring," safety information, and your Equestrian Waiver. Carefully read all the enclosed information.

This waiver must be returned to Camp Bethel at least 14 days before your first day of camp:

Additional Items to Pack & Bring, plus Safety for our Adventure day-trip:

Additional Items to Pack and Bring for Equestrian Program: *For riding, Camp Bethel and Harmony Equestrian Center will provide helmets and instructors.*

- Horse riders must wear **long pants (jeans are best) & boots with a heel**
- Sunscreen: we lather up before we leave to our outfitter each day
- Dry clothes to remain in vehicle & to change into in case of rain
- Rain poncho or rain gear
- If you wear glasses, you will need a strap to keep them on
- Backpack or fanny pack
- *Camera (water-proof) with strap, optional
- Completed Equestrian participant waiver completed online, mailed back, or given to Camp Bethel registrar at check-in

Safety for our Adventure day-trips:

All vehicles used for transporting campers are equipped with a first aid kit and emergency accessories. All vehicles have seatbelts for each passenger, and we check vehicle safety conditions prior to transport. Counselors will carry health forms for all passengers and a cell phone for emergency communication. Campers get full safety orientation prior to our day-trip.

Passengers (campers) are instructed in the following safety procedures prior to transporting:

1. Passengers will remain seated at all times with hands and arms inside vehicle.
2. Seatbelts will be fastened – one person per seatbelt.
3. Noise level will be such as to not distract the driver. There will be no disruptive behavior.
4. Passengers will enter and leave the vehicle under the direction of a staff member and/or driver. If the vehicle makes an emergency stop, passengers will follow directions of staff member and/or driver and use buddy system if leaving the vehicle.

The Directors of Camp Bethel have selected our Adventure outfitters (those providing equipment, leadership and expertise) and off-site projects based upon their qualifications and their adherence to safety standards as outlined by the American Camp Association.

**Complete this waiver and return it ASAP to:
CAMP BETHEL REGISTRAR, 328 BETHEL ROAD, FINCASTLE, VA 24090**

Harmony Equestrian Center, LLC

Physical Address: 661 Farmers Road – Fincastle, VA 24090

Mailing Address: 144 Marjorie Lane – Fincastle, VA 24090

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RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION OF LIABILITY PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

I, *(printed camper name)* _____, do hereby acknowledge and agree in exchange for the good consideration of being permitted to engage in equine activities with Harmony Equestrian Center, LLC, a limited liability company, and Stacey Collins, Managing Member, that by engaging in an equine activity, I am participating in an activity that poses potentially serious risk of injury or death to myself and others. By signing this *Release, Waiver and Indemnification of Liability*, I assume the risk of all of the intrinsic dangers associated with participating in an equine activity pursuant to §§ 3.2-6200 through 3.2-6203 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The intrinsic dangers associated with participation in equine activities are those dangers and conditions integral to participation in equine activities, including, but not limited to: (1) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (2) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sound, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (3) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (4) collisions with animals or objects; and (5) the potential of an equine activity participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability. Va. Code § 3.2-6200 (1950, as amended). Additionally, by signing this *Release, Waiver and Indemnification of Liability*, I waive and release any and all claims or rights to sue that I or my heirs may have in relation to my engagement in an equine activity, including injuries caused by negligence and those risks assumed above against Harmony Equestrian Center, LLC ("HEC"), Stacey Collins, any employees or volunteers of HEC, and any family members of the heretofore mentioned. It is my intent to give up those rights and hold the above parties harmless, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily. Further, I agree in consideration for and as a condition of my being allowed to participate in equine activities with HEC, to hereby indemnify, save, and hold harmless all of those parties heretofore mentioned, from any and all claims for loss, damage, and/or injury to myself, any third party, and/or any property resulting from, arising out of, during the course of, or in connection with my participation in said equine activity. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this *Release, Waiver and Indemnification of Liability* and understand the terms and conditions contained herein. This *Release, Waiver and Indemnification of Liability* is presumed effective until such time that written notice of revocation is provided by the participant (or the parent or guardian of participant if participant is a minor). The revocation shall be valid upon the date of receipt and is not applicable to times/dates prior to such receipt.

PHOTO RELEASE: By initialing here, *(parent initials)* _____ I authorize and consent to HEC using my image (i.e. photographs) and name for advertising and/or trade purposes.

Participant: _____
(printed camper name)

Date of Birth: _____

Signed: _____
(signature of parent or guardian)

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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