



Scattered Acres Sport Horses LLC
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LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

This form must be completed by and for each participant in horseback riding, horse care, and related activities with Autumn Rae; and while on the properties of any landowner associated with Autumn Rae or Scattered Acres.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. AUTUMN RAE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE** – I, _____, the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby acknowledge on behalf of myself that I have familiarized myself with the activities that I will be allowed to participate in, and that I do hereby acknowledge and agree that I will participate in these activities without restriction or limitation. I hereby understand that engaging in equine activities such as riding, volunteering, visiting, working and caring for horses at Scattered Acres can be hazardous and dangerous. This agreement shall take place on ___/___/20__ and will last on all future dates.

Rider/Caretaker Name(s) (Please print)	Age	Height	Weight	Horse Riding Experience
				UNDER 10 HOURS OVER 10 HOURS (Explain on back.)
Riding is a rigorous activity. Does this rider have physical or mental health problems which may affect his/her ability to ride a horse? YES NO (Circle One) If "yes" describe here:				
INSURANCE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED My ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY is _____ And POLICY NUMBER is _____ (Registration will be returned if not completed.)				

B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS** - This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered student, 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 of Autumn Rae's physical location. If any clause, phrase or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. 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 "STUDENT" and/or "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles, cares for, or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "EMPLOYEE", "VOLUNTEER" and/or "WORKING STUDENT" shall herein refer to a person who handles, cares for, works with or comes near a horse from the ground. The terms "GUEST" and/or "VISITORS" shall herein refer to a person who is on the property but not engaging with the horse and/or horses, said person should refrain from handling and/or caring for horses. The terms "I", "me", "my" shall herein refer to the above registered student rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, employees, guest and/or visitors and volunteers.



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C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION - I UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay at U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe, requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities. In the course of learning to ride, ground-work activities such as tumbling and "riding" suspended barrels, and emergency dismounting from the horse are intended to make riding safer, but these are strenuous activities which themselves carry serious risks.

D. NATURE OF AUTUMN RAE'S/SCATTERED ACRES SCHOOL HORSES - I UNDERSTAND THAT: Autumn Rae chooses her school horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use for STUDENT RIDERS, and Autumn Rae follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another much larger and stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (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; Changing directions or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger.

E. RIDER/CARETAKER RESPONSIBILITY - I UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced and calm aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible for his/her own safety. I understand that upon entering any enclosure where a horse is kept, or haltering any horse, I must take full responsibility for the fact that I may be trampled, bitten, kicked, stepped on, etc., and must rely on my own actions to attempt to keep control of the situation. I also understand that I may be injured while cleaning stalls, feeding horses, leading horses around property, on and off trailers, in and out of paddocks and/or stalls, grooming and/or grooming equipment, tacking and/or untacking horses, repairing barn or pasture fixtures, or being involved in any care taking activity, and will hold no one liable for these injuries. Other risks involved with caretaking/riding including but not limited to: Tripping in holes or on materials/equipment on the grounds, barns, and trailers.

F. CONDITIONS OF NATURE - I UNDERSTAND THAT: AUTUMN RAE is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature 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; 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 recognize the inherent risks involved with riding and working with horses and inclement weather, including but not limited to: Tripping in holes; Slipping, falling or otherwise injured in the barn stalls, or on the grounds which can be slippery, muddy, wet or contain or present other hazards while mounted and unmounted. It is also to be understood that Scattered Acres is NOT responsible for total or partial allergic reactions from animals, hay or other allergens present on the property.

G. SADDLE GIRTHS/NATURAL LOOSENING - I UNDERSTAND THAT: Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) may loosen during ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the riding instructor as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a



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potential fall from the animal.

H. **ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE** - I AGREE THAT: Should emergency or other medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses. I shall also pay any medical insurance deductibles.

I. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING** - I AGREE THAT: I have been fully warned and advised by AUTUMN RAE that I should purchase and wear protective headgear (equestrian helmet), and do understand that the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting, and otherwise being around horses, may prevent or reduce severity of some head injuries, and even prevent death from happening as the result of a fall or other occurrence.

J. **LIABILITY RELEASE** – By signing this release, I, _____ hereby acknowledge my complete understanding, agreement and consent to my presence and/or participation in the activities at Scattered Acres Sport Horses LLC without restriction and without liability to it or its principals, employees, or agents, and with full knowledge and understanding of the disclosures, waivers and releases here in. If I am present at and participate in the activities of Scattered Acres Sport Horses LLC., I do so at my own risk, and I hereby acknowledge and agree that it and/or any of its principals, employees, and agents shall bear no responsibility or risk associated with injuries that could arise from my presence or participation. In consideration of Autumn Rae and Scattered Acres allowing my participation in this activity (horseback riding), under the terms set forth herein, I, (the rider, caretaker, and/or parent or guardian thereof if a minor, the working student, employee, guest and/or volunteer do agree to hold harmless and release Autumn Rae and/or Scattered Acres, any private landowners, horse-owners associated with Autumn Rae, their agents, employees, officers, members, premises owners, and affiliated organizations from legal liability due to Autumn Rae's ordinary negligence.

All Riders and Parents or Legal Guardians, employees, guest and volunteers must sign below after reading this entire document: **SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS:** I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, EXPERIENCE, AND AGE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

SIGNATURE OF INSTRUCTOR	DATE	Please Print Instructor Name
_____	_____	_____

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT/RIDER EMPLOYEE/ GUEST/ VOLUNTEER	DATE	Please Print Student/Rider/Employee Guest/Volunteer
_____	_____	_____

nSIGNATURE OF PARENT (If Student/Rider is under 18)	DATE	Please Print Parent Name
_____	_____	_____



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