



## Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center

P.O. Box 506  
Vacaville, CA 95696

707-447-8733



Dear Prospective Horseplay Participant:

Thank you for your interest in riding with Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center (HTRC). The first step toward enrolling in Horseplay is to complete and return these forms. The applicant or a family member completes the application and your physician completes the medical history form. You then mail the forms to Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center, P.O. Box 506, Vacaville, CA, 95696. **(Please make a copy of the completed enrollment packet before mailing.)** The acceptance and continued participation of a participant in our program depends on the availability of instructors, volunteers and suitable horses and is based on our determination that we can safely accommodate the participant. To enroll in HTRC's program, riders must be at least four years old. In addition, we have a maximum weight limit of 200 lbs.

HTRC adheres to precautions and contraindications established by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) and retains the right to refuse any participant we cannot safely accommodate. Participants must inform us of changes in health status. HTRC requires annual updates of the medical history form.

Our current tuition is \$45.00 per session, billed one month in advance. **There is a \$60.00 registration fee. Please send the \$60.00 registration fee along with your application packet. Checks may be made payable to "Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center."** Attendance, payment, session cancellation, and safety policies are detailed on page 10. Please note that we do not credit for missed sessions or sessions cancelled due to hazardous weather. Because our costs continue, this policy keeps Horseplay financially strong.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, please don't hesitate to contact Horseplay. Please sign and return the policies page to indicate you have read and understand the policies. A copy for your records is provided on page 11.

Sincerely,

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## REGISTRATION

Participant's Name

Age  Weight  (Check one) Male  Female

Race/Ethnicity  ( optional)

Street Address

City  State  Zip Code

School, Day Program or Employer

Contact 1: Name  (check one). Mother  Father  Caregiver

Home Phone:  Cell Phone:  Work Phone:

Employer  Email

Contact 2: Name  (check one) Mother  Father  Caregiver

Home Phone:  Cell Phone:  Work Phone:

Employer  Email

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (PLEASE ENTER A SEPARATE CONTACT IN CASE PARENTS/GUARDIANS CANNOT BE REACHED)**

Contact:  Relationship to client:  Phone:



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**PARTICIPANT'S CONSENT & RELEASE FORM**

**CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury while participating in the services of, or while being on the property of, the Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center (HTRC), I authorize HTRC to secure and retain medical treatment and/or transportation if needed. This authorization includes any treatment deemed necessary by a treating health care professional and includes but is not limited to x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, and medication. In addition, I authorize HTRC to release my/my child/my ward's records to any individual involved in medical treatment and/or necessary transportation.

Participant's Name

In case of emergency, contact:

Name  Phone  or

Name  Phone

Physician's Name

Health Insurance Provider Policy Number

**PHOTO & PUBLICITY RELEASE (Optional):**

I hereby (please check box below)

consent     do not consent

to and authorize the Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center to use my/my child's/my ward's name in all audio, visual and written promotional material and to use and/or reproduce any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my child/my ward for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Participant's Signature

Date

(or signature of parent/guardian if participant is under age 18)



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### **HORSEPLAY ATTENDANCE, PAYMENT, SESSION CANCELLATION AND SAFETY POLICIES**

1. Arrival time: Sessions start on the hour. Riders must arrive 10 minutes prior to the session's scheduled starting time, for example 8:50 a.m. for the 9:00 a.m. Saturday session. Arriving later than 10 minutes to the hour, the rider is considered late. Repeated lateness will result in a warning letter being sent and consideration for being dropped from the program. For the safety of all, riders arriving after the scheduled start of a session will not be allowed to ride.
2. 24-hour notification: If a rider cannot attend a scheduled session, please notify Horseplay 24 hours in advance.
3. No shows: Riders having three no-show/no-notification occurrences within a three-month period will be notified that they are being dropped from the program.
4. Repeated cancellations with notification: Riders who continually cancel attendance will be considered for dismissal from the program. Extenuating rider circumstances will be evaluated in the decision.
5. Extended Absences: Horseplay requires advance notification of absences longer than two weeks. Depending on a rider's circumstances, Horseplay may reserve a rider's spot during the absence, temporarily fill it with a new rider or permanently fill the spot and place the rider on the waitlist.
6. Payment policy: Rider tuition is \$45.00 per session. All riders are billed one month in advance and payments must be received by the 25th of the month and considered late by the last day of the month. If payment is not received on time, a late payment fee of \$10.00 is incurred. Three late payments within a 12-month period and the rider may be dismissed from the program. Riders will be suspended from the program until payments are brought up to date. If rider tuition is not received on the last business day of the month, the rider will automatically lose the first riding session of the upcoming month and will not be allowed to ride (there will be no credit for this lost session). Instructors will not accept payment at the barn. **No credit is given for missed sessions and make-up sessions may be scheduled but are not guaranteed.**
7. Session cancellations: Sessions may be canceled at the instructor's discretion due to hazardous conditions—severe heat or cold, for example. Again, no credit is given for cancelled sessions.
8. Leaving the program: Horseplay requires a 30-day notice for a rider leaving the program. This allows us to contact a rider on the waitlist and arrange for enrollment.
9. No dogs and no smoking allowed at the barn.
10. I have read and understand the above statements 1-9. Please initial



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## RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR RIDER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

The program at the **HORSEPLAY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER** provides therapeutic horseback riding for disabled children and adults. Volunteers and horses are carefully selected and trained and safety equipment is required for all riders since horseback riding is a risk exercise.

No student will be accepted for riding instruction and no volunteer accepted for service until this form has been **READ, UNDERSTOOD, COMPLETED AND SIGNED** by the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a minor, or if the student or volunteer is of legal age and sound mind, by the student or volunteer.

Although participation in the program is under strict supervision and every effort is made to avoid injury or accident, the undersigned acknowledges the inherent risks involved in riding and working around horses. This includes bodily injury from horseback riding or being in close proximity to horses. Among other risks, both horse and rider can be injured in normal use or in competition and schooling. In order to provide this valuable service, **NO LIABILITY** can be accepted by the **HORSEPLAY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, WHISPERING WINDS RANCH & SANCTUARY, DEVYN RAUSCH** or any of the organizations or persons connected with the above named facilities.

**IN CONSIDERATION** for the privilege of riding and/or working in and outside the barn and inside and outside the arena around horses at the **HORSEPLAY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER**, the undersigned, as self, or as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the undersigned minor, jointly and severally, do hereby agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify the **HORSEPLAY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, WHISPERING WINDS RANCH & SANCTUARY, DEVYN RAUSCH**, their officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, from all manner of liability, loss, costs, claims, demands and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys fees, which the undersigned or said minor may now or in the future have against the **HORSEPLAY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, WHISPERING WINDS RANCH & SANCTUARY, DEVYN RAUSCH**, their officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns on account of any accident, damage, injury or illness, physical or mental condition, known or unknown, to the undersigned or said minor, or the treatment thereof, arising as a result of, or in any way connected to acts or incidents occurring at or relating to the **HORSEPLAY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, WHISPERING WINDS RANCH & SANCTUARY, DEVYN RAUSCH**, their officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, representatives, successors or assigns, including but not limited to their negligence or gross negligence in rendering the services described above or in anyway incidental thereto.

DATE  PARTICIPANT'S NAME

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature for Rider

Parent/Guardian Signature for Self

Print Parent/Guardian Name (If Applicable)

Relationship to Participant



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## **Barn Rules**

- \* **Barn Hours: 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM**
- \* No Smoking anywhere on the premises. This is a Non-Smoking Facility
- \* Please keep wash rack / cross tie area clean. Muck buckets and scoops are provided for your convenience.
- \* Boots with heels are recommended when riding. Appropriate footwear is required when handling horses. **No open toe shoes allowed.**
- \* For your safety, never ride in the breezeways or on concrete areas. Please keep feed doors closed and the breezeways free of excess feed and tack.
- \* Horse should only be tied up using the rings inside their stall, crossties in the wash racks or outside hitching rails. Never walk away from an unrestrained horse.
- \* **All minors under 16** MUST wear protective headgear at all times when riding.
- \* **All minors under 16** MUST be accompanied by a parent or adult over 21 while at the barn. They may not be dropped off.
- \* **All riders jumping** MUST wear protective headgear/helmet. No Exceptions.
- \* Anyone who rides MUST sign a waiver prior to getting on the horse. Waivers are located in the office. Riders must fill them out completely.
- \* **NO DOGS** allowed on the premises due to safety issues.
- \* Please, No lunging in the indoor arena when rider(s) are present.
- \* Please do not feed any other horses in the barn unless permission is obtained from the horse's owner.
- \* We ask that the last person to leave at night please shut off all lights and close doors (if cold outside).
- \* Please remember when pulling in or leaving the parking area that the **posted speed limit is 5 mph** due to the animals and children on the property.

**Thank you**  
**Whispering Winds Ranch & Sanctuary**

**Please initial**



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## **Liability Release Form**

Inherent Risks and Assumption of Risk. The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as, running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability.

**By signing this agreement, you agree that Whispering Winds Ranch & Sanctuary, its employees and agents, are not responsible for any accident or injury incurred by you or your horse while on the premises.**

**We urge you to take normal precautions when handling your horse for your protection and the safety of others.**

**Agreed (Please print)**

**Agreed (Signature)**

**Date**



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## Tell Us About the Rider

Rider's name (Please print)

How did you hear about Horseplay?

Please describe limitations/concerns in these areas

**Physical function** (e.g., ambulation, motor skills, balance, strength, tone, vision, hearing)

**Cognitive and Processing** (e.g., attention, touch/sensation, memory, speech and language, sensory integration, learning disabilities, developmental delays)

**Psychological, emotional, behavioral, social issues**

Previous riding experience? If so, please describe





# Participant's Medical History & Physician's Statement To Be Completed by Medical Personnel ONLY



Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis(es): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Onset: \_\_\_\_\_

Past/Prospective Surgeries: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Seizure Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Controlled: Y N Date of Last Seizure: \_\_\_\_\_

Shunt Present: Y N Date of last revision: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs/Precautions \_\_\_\_\_

Independent Ambulation Y N Assisted Ambulation Y N Wheelchair Y N

Braces/Assistive Devices: \_\_\_\_\_

## Information for Physician

The following conditions, if present, may represent precautions or contraindications to therapeutic horseback riding. Therefore, when completing the form, please note whether these conditions are present, and to what degree.

### Orthopedic

- Spinal Fusion
- Spinal Instabilities/Abnormalities
- Neurological Symptoms of
  - Atlantoaxial Instabilities
- Scoliosis
- Kyphosis
- Lordosis
- Hip Subluxation and Dislocation
- Osteoporosis
- Pathologic Fractures
- Coxes Arthrosis
- Heterotrophic Ossification
- Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- Cranial Deficits
- Spinal Orthoses
- Internal Spinal Stabilization Devices

### Neurologic

- Hydrocephalus/Shunt
- Spina Bifida
- Tethered Cord

### Neurologic

- Chiari 2 Malformation
- Hydromyelia
- Paralysis due to Spinal Cord Injury
- Seizure Disorders

### Medical/Surgical

- Allergies
- Cancer
- Poor Endurance
- Recent Surgery
- Diabetes
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Varicose Veins
- Hemophilia
- Hypertension
- Serious Heart Condition
- Stroke (Cerebrovascular Accident)

### Secondary Concerns

- Behavior Problems
- Age under two years
- Age two - Four years
- Acute exacerbation of Chronic Disorder
- Indwelling Catheter

***For those riders with Down Syndrome only:***

Neurologic Symptoms of Atlanto-Axial Instability:  Present  Absent

**Please indicate current or past special needs in the following systems/areas, including Surgeries**

	Y	N	Comments
Auditory			
Visual			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech			
Cardiac			
Circulatory			
Integumentary/Skin			
Immunity			
Pulmonary			
Neurologic			
Muscular			
Balance			
Orthopedic			
Allergies			
Learning Disability			
Cognitive			
Emotional/Psychological			
Pain			
Other			

Given the above diagnosis and medical information, this person is not medically precluded from participation in equine assisted activities. I understand that Horseplay will weigh the medical information given against the existing precautions and contraindications. Therefore, I refer this person to Horseplay for ongoing evaluation to determine eligibility for participation. Completed by (circle): Doctor's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ MD DO NP PA Other License #

**Please imprint office stamp below:**

*Please return completed form to:*

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