

## **EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY RELEASE, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS**

This Equine Activity Liability Release, Waiver of Right to Sue and Assumption of all Risks Agreement ("this Agreement") is hereby given by the undersigned to Sprouse's Corner Ranch, LLC, LaRue Dawn Sprouse, as an equine activity sponsor and/or an equine activity professional (the "sponsor/professional") and/or as an owner of land upon which an equine activity to which the Agreement relates is conducted and each partner, officer, agent, employee, director, shareholder, member heir, personal representative, successor and assign of the sponsor/professional and of each owner.

In consideration for the opportunities provided by the sponsor/professional and each owner to the undersigned "participant" (including any minor participants for whom he signs this Agreement) for the enjoyment of equine activities as a participant, the undersigned "participant" (including any minor participant for whom he/she signs this Agreement) hereby agrees as follows:

1. This Agreement is given under the Virginia Equine Activity Liability Act (Code of Virginia 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/professional and/or owner the fullest protection of a release, waiver of right to sue and assumption of all risks which is afforded to the sponsor/professional and owner by the Act.
2. All pronouns shall be construed to include the masculine, feminine or neuter as well as the plural or singular, as may be appropriate to facilitate the construction of this Agreement in the light of the facts presented.
3. The participant hereby acknowledges that he/she 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"), including, but not limited to: (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways or to trip and/or fall; (ii) the ability of anyone whomsoever to predict or foresee an equine's reaction to excitement, weather conditions, sound, movements, objects, persons, animals, reptiles, birds or insects, and the effects of such reactions; (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, including but not limited to objects or conditions on, under or protruding from the surface, both latent and patent; (iv) the hazards which rocks, cliffs, hills, fences, trees, stumps, logs, bridges, ditches and other debris and obstacles, and any equine activity in connection therewith, may foreseeably or unforeseeably present; (v) the dangers and risks of tack or harness slipping or breaking for whatever reason; (vi) the dangers and risks of becoming entangled in tack, harness, or vehicles used in an equine activity, (vii) the risks of falling from or otherwise becoming unstable on an equine or a vehicle used in an equine activity for any reason whatsoever or for no identifiable reason and (viii) any negligent act or omission by the sponsor/professional or any owner which causes or results in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property (ix) and any dangers involved in catching, leading, or taking care of the horse.
4. The participant hereby RELEASES and WAIVES all rights which he/she may have or hereafter have against the sponsor/professional and each owner for death, personal injury or property damage which is in any way associated with the Risks; he/she does hereby WAIVE his/her right to sue or to bring any action against the sponsor/professional or any owner in connection therewith; he/she agrees to INDEMNIFY and DEFEND the sponsor/professional and each owner from and to HOLD the sponsor/professional and each owner HARMLESS against any such suit or action, and he/she hereby expressly ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND DANGERS of death, personal

injury and property damage which are in any way associated with the Risks enumerated in paragraph 3, above.

5. 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.

6. The Agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect from and after the date opposite the signature of the participant until expressly revoked by the participant in a written notice personally delivered to the sponsor/professional and/or owner.

7. 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.

8. If this Agreement is executed by the undersigned participant for and on behalf of a minor participant named below, the undersigned participant hereby warrants and represents that he/she 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 participant further agrees that this Agreement shall also be as fully binding on the undersigned participant as if it were entered into solely on his own behalf.

9. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the participants.

10. 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 OR ANY OWNER FOR ANY ADVICE OR EXPLANATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP, WAIVING AND RELEASING ANY RIGHT THAT I MAY HAVE TO SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM WHICH I MIGHT HAVE OR WHICH MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY ARISE OR OCCUR AGAINST THE SPONSOR/PROFESSIONAL AND OWNER FOR ANY INJURIES I MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY, AND THAT I AM INDEMNIFYING AND HOLDING HARMLESS THE SPONSOR/PROFESSIONAL AND OWNER FOR INJURING ANYONE ELSE OR ANY HORSE RIDDEN BY ANOTHER WHILE SO ENGAGED, IT IS MY INTENT TO GIVE UP THOSE RIGHTS AND PROVIDE THE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND I DO SO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s)\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature:  
(parent signature if participant is under 18)\_\_\_\_\_