

RELEASE FORM

Horseback Riding and Related Activities Agreement & Liability Release Form

This form must be completed by and for each participant in horseback riding and related activities at

**MAPLE CREST FARMS
7009 Maple Avenue
Castalia, OH 44824**

In consideration of the services of Maple Crest Farms, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf, I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge Maple Crest Farms, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge horseback riding entails known, unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

The risks include, among other things: Contact with wild animals, hiking, and exposure to the elements. Regardless of its training and usual past behavior, a horse may act unpredictably due to instinct or fright, which may cause you or your child to be thrown, or fall of, and/or be injured by the horse. Horses may do such things as bite, kick, push, buck, rear, lie down, roll, fall, or stumble. Saddles and other tack may slip or develop other problems as a result of normal use and wear. Your horse may run you into, or collide with obstacles. They may encounter variations in terrain such as creeks, water, bridges, traveled roads, wild animals, birds, stump, forest growth, debris, rocks cliffs and other obstacles whether obvious or not and whether man made or natural. Each of those obstacles or variations in terrain could cause you to lose control of your horse, leading you to fall. Riding a horse requires the participant to balance on the saddle. Participants may lose their balance, which can result in falling from the horse. Furthermore, Maple Crest Farms' employees have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Maple Crest Farms from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of Maple Crest Farm's equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of Maple Crest Farms.

4. Should Maple Crest Farms or anyone acting on their behalf be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless far all such fees and costs.

5. I certify I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself: I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

6. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity. I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against Maple Crest Farms on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Participant's name (Print Name) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address _____ Date: _____

Participant's signature: _____ Child's birth date: _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION

(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of (child) _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by Maple Crest Farms to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Maple Crest Farms from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____