

**RIDING TO THE TOP THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER**

14 Lilac Drive, Windham, ME 04062

Mail to: P.O. Box 1928, Windham, Me 04062

**Volunteer Registration and Release Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best form of communication (circle one)      email      cell      home phone      work phone

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

As a volunteer, I would like RTT to contact me to assist with the following: (please check all that apply)

- The lesson program and being a side walker and/or a horse leader.
- Office work and administrative tasks.
- Farm and barn chores
- Being a board member or consultant.
- Annual and special fundraising events.

Please list the days and times you are available to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any health restrictions that might limit your ability to walk or provide physical support with your arms for up to an hour that we should be aware of? (Please list)

Please describe your horse experience if any \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your experience working with people with disabilities if any \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Riding To The Top? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in volunteering with RTT? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list two personal references we may contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING**

**UNDER MAINE LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR, EQUINE PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER PERSON ENGAGED IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES HAS LIMITED LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES (7 M.R.S.A. §§ 4101; 4103-A).**

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**Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment**

In the event that emergency medical aid and/or treatment is required due to illness or injury, I authorize Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center to secure medical treatment and transportation if needed on my behalf. In the event of an emergency, please attempt to contact the following Emergency Contacts:

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician Consent Plan:**

This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication and any other treatment procedures deemed "life saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) listed above is unable to be reached.

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Medical Facility for Emergency Care: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent Plan:**

Consent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Volunteer, Parent or Guardian if under 18)

**Non-Consent Plan:**

I do not consent to emergency medical treatment/aid or hospitalization in the case of illness or injury. In the event that emergency care is required, I request the following procedures be followed:

Non-Consent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Volunteer, Parent or Guardian if under 18)

**Confidentiality Statement:**

I understand that I may be made aware of confidential information regarding rider diagnoses, etc. I understand that under no circumstances shall this information be shared with individuals external to Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center and that information is provided solely for the purposes of improving the therapeutic benefit to the rider(s) participating in lessons at Riding to the Top Therapeutic Riding Center.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo/Video Release (optional):**

I hereby give my consent and authorize Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center to use and reproduce any and all photographs or videos taken of myself for promotional printed/video materials, educational activities or for any other use which would benefit Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer, Parent or Guardian if under 18

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**PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

**As a condition to working with or around horses or engaging in any equine activities, all volunteers and a parent or guardian if under 18, must sign the following Participation Waiver and Release Agreement.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

This Participation Waiver and Release Agreement is made by and between the undersigned rider, volunteer or participant in an equine activity or equine event (the "Participant"), the Participant's parents, guardians, or conservators if the Participant is a minor or ward ("Participant's Parents or Guardians"), and Riding to the Top Therapeutic Riding Center ("Equine Activity Sponsor" and/or "Equine Professional"). This Agreement is a requirement and condition of participation in any equine activity or equine event conducted, provided, operated, organized or sponsored by the Equine Activity Sponsor or Equine Professional or whose property, facilities, animals, equipment or personnel are used in such connection.

**In consideration of the opportunity to participate in equine activities or equine events, the Participant and, if a minor or ward, Participant's Parents or Guardians agree as follows:**

1. **Inherent Risks.** The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians acknowledge and understand that horses and activities related to horses are inherently dangerous and that those dangers and conditions integral to equine activities or equine events include, but are not limited to, the propensity of horses to behave in ways that may result in damage to property or injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them (including behaviors such as bucking, biting, rearing, stepping on, falling, stumbling and shying); the unpredictability of a horse's reaction to sounds, movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other horses, riders, or objects; the potential for the Participant to act in a negligent manner or otherwise fail to maintain control over the animal; and unpredictable or erratic actions by others on or near animals. Despite these inherent risks, the Participant has chosen, and Participant's Parents or Guardians have chosen to permit the Participant to work with and around horses and participate in equine activities and equine events. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians have considered the Participant's particular physical, mental, and emotional condition or challenges in making this participation decision.
2. **Duties and Obligations; Statutory Assumption of Risk and Limitation of Liability.** The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians are advised that under Maine law, with certain limited exceptions, an equine activity sponsor, equine professional or any other person engaged in an equine activity is not liable for any property damage or damages arising from the personal injury or death of a participant or spectator resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians are further advised that Maine law provides that each participant and spectator in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks and legal responsibility for any property damage or damages arising from personal injury or death that results from the inherent risks of equine activities. Each Participant has the sole responsibility for knowing the range of that person's ability to manage, care for and control a particular horse or perform a particular equine activity. It is the duty of each Participant to act within the limits of the Participant's own ability, to maintain reasonable control of the horse at all times while participating in any equine activity or event, to heed all warnings and instructions, and to refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of any person or damage to property. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians understand these duties and obligations and have considered the Participant's particular physical, mental, and emotional condition or challenges in undertaking this express assumption of risk.
3. **Release and Waiver.** The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians understand the risks and dangers inherent in equine activities and do hereby waive and agree not to make any claim or seek any recovery from the Equine Activity Sponsor and Equine Professional and their respective directors, officers, trustees, shareholders, employees, contractors, agents, and assigns for any property damage or damages for personal injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians hereby further release and discharge the Equine Activity Sponsor and Equine Professional and their respective directors, officers, trustees, shareholders, employees, contractors, agents, and assigns from any and all actions, causes of actions, liabilities, claims, demands, damages, costs and expenses of any kind including, but not limited to, any claim of damages for bodily injury, illness, disease, death or loss of personal property now existing or which may in the future occur or result, directly or indirectly, from participation or involvement in any equine activity, program, or event. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians understand and agree that this Release and Waiver is intended to be as broad as the law allows and specifically covers all claims or demands that may be based in whole or in part on the fault or negligence of the Equine Activity Sponsor and Equine Professional and their respective directors, officers, trustees, shareholders, employees, contractors, agents, and assigns.

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**PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND RELEASE  
AGREEMENT CONTINUED**

4. Acknowledgment. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians acknowledge that they have been given an opportunity to read and consider this Participation Waiver and Release Agreement. The Participant and Participant's Parents or Guardians understand that **THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS AN EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, A PROMISE NOT TO SUE, AND A WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY FOR ALL CLAIMS.**

**PARTICIPANT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

**PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR CONSERVATOR REQUIRED  
TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT IF PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR OR WARD**

I am the parent, guardian or conservator of the Participant named in this Agreement. I have read the Agreement and understand its terms. I consent to the Participant's participation in the equine activities and equine events, and consent to the terms of participation. I have executed this Agreement on my own behalf and on behalf of the Participant. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Equine Activity Sponsor and Equine Professional and their respective directors, officers, trustees, shareholders, employees, contractors, agents, and assigns from any and all claims, demands, and actions that might be brought against them by or on behalf of the Participant, or other person claiming injury or loss as a result of any injury or loss to the Participant, including but not limited to claims, demands, or actions based in whole or in part on the negligence or fault of the Equine Activity Sponsor or Equine Professional.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

**PARENT/GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

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