

# **YMCA Camp Sloper Outdoor Center Horseback Riding Statement of Awareness**

Horseback Riding is a high risk activity. Horses are large, powerful animals that can be unpredictable in nature. Accidents can result from foreseeable and unforeseeable causes, such as the negligence of others; the actions of your horse, or other horses; equipment failure; and forces of nature. Accidents may result in sprains, bruises, broken bones, bodily injury and worse.

“I am aware that properly equipped, everyone should be wearing long pants, a helmet (to be supplied by Hayes Equestrian Center) and sturdy footwear. My children are not under any medication or physical impairment which would prevent them from safely participating in this horseback riding experience.”

“We pledge to diligently follow the directions given by Hayes Equestrian Center and the YMCA Camp Sloper staff leading the ride and to respect the other guests and horses we are riding with.”

“Being aware of the dangers of horses and riding, I voluntarily hold the YMCA Camp Sloper Outdoor Center, its volunteers and its staff as well as the Hayes Equestrian Center and its staff, blameless for any accident, which may befall me or the children I am responsible for during this experience. I believe my children are of sound health with sufficient maturity for this program.”

**“I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE TO THE TERMS. IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE THE YMCA CAMP SLOPER OUTDOOR CENTER AND THE HAYES EQUESTRIAN CENTER FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY**

Children you are responsible for:

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In addition, to insure my child’s health and safety, I give permission for YMCA Camp Sloper to provide a copy of my child’s Health Assessment form to Hayes Equestrian Center to be utilized in case of emergency while the camper is on their property.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date