



Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Equine Release, Waiver, and Indemnification Statement

The undersigned participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian if the participant is under the age of 18 years, does/do hereby execute this release, waiver, and indemnification for himself or herself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns and, thereby, agree(s) and represents as follows:

To release the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia, its members, employees, agent, representatives, subsidiary corporations, and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this activity from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims, and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling of equine by the undersigned participant. The undersigned person(s) further agree(s) to indemnify the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commonwealth of Virginia, its employees, members, agents, representatives, and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this project, and hold them harmless for any liability, loss, damage, cost, claim judgment, or settlement which may be brought or entered against them as a result of the undersigned person's participation in said activity.

If involved in equine activities pursuant to Section 3.2-6202 amended of the Code of Virginia the undersigned(s) execute(s) this waiver of the undersigned(s) rights to sue and agree(s) to assume all risks resulting from the "intrinsic dangers of equine activities". "Intrinsic dangers of equine activities" is defined as those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to, (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability.

This waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or Parent or guardian of a minor. The revocation shall be in writing which shall be delivered to the provider and shall become effective thirty (30) days after delivery to the provider.

In the case of school-, college-, and university-sponsored classes and programs, waivers executed by a participant or parent or guardian of a participant shall apply to all equine activities in which the participant is involved in the next succeeding twelve (12) month period unless earlier expressly revoked in writing. The revocation shall become effective thirty (30) days after it is delivered to the provider.

The undersigned(s) agrees to maintain all medical and health insurance needed to cover all risks of any kind in any place in livestock, equine, and/or other activities.

I, the undersigned participant, will wear and use, in accordance with established Cooperative Extension policy and procedure, all safety equipment and to ensure equipment is in good condition at all times.

Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is under age 18 yrs

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Date

Personal Statement for Adult Non-Helmet Use

I, _____, understand that Virginia Tech and the Commonwealth of Virginia highly recommended for safety reasons that I wear an ASTM certified riding helmet while engaged in equine activities. I have freely chosen not to wear this recommended safety equipment, to include an ASTM certified riding helmet, while I am engaged in equine activities and elect to accept full responsibility for any injuries that might arise as a result of failure to use or wear recommended safety equipment.

Signature _____

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Junior 4-H Summer Camp Electronics Policy

4-H camp participants including, but not limited to campers and teen counselors are prohibited from bringing cell phones or other electronic communication devices to 4-H Camp.

Bringing and using these devices is very disruptive to the camping experience in several ways.

1. Campers who experience mild home-sickness and have access to a cell phone will call home. Once that connection is made, the parents almost always end up coming to camp to take their child home. The same camper without access to that phone will over their home-sickness in 24-36 hours and have a wonderful camping experience.
2. Other campers who do not have access to cell phones, but see others using them often feel as if they are being treated unfairly even though they are the ones who chose to follow the rules. Seeing this can also incite home-sickness where it otherwise might not occur.
3. 4-H Camp is designed to be a place for youth to have a safe and fun learning experience away from home and their parents. Having direct contact with parents/family/friends throughout the week interferes with and even negates the developmental benefits that the camping experience is designed to provide.
4. Cell phones and other electronic devices provide a distraction to Teen Counselors whose primary responsibility is the supervision of their campers while at 4-H Summer Camp.
5. Carrying a cell phone while at camp violates the camp Code of Conduct policy on electronics.

Those who bring unauthorized cell phones/electronics to camp will have them confiscated. Teen Counselors are held to higher standards as representatives of the Virginia 4-H Camping Program and role models to 4-H campers. Should a teen counselor or camper violate the cell phone policy they are subject to **dismissal** from summer camp and the Greenville/Emporia 4-H Program.

I, _____ fully understand that as a representative of the Virginia 4-H Program and Greenville/Emporia 4-H, bringing a cell phone or any electronic device to 4-H summer camp and not turning the phone in at the beginning of the camping week, is a violation of Virginia 4-H Camping Policy. Violation of this policy will subject me to immediate removal from 4-H summer camp and possible expulsion from the Greenville/Emporia 4-H Program.

Camper/Counselor Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date