

Guidelines for Participating in Therapeutic Riding Program at Rising Hope Farms

- ❖ **ATTIRE:** Everyone (riders, therapist, volunteers and instructors) must wear proper attire during riding sessions (long pants, closed toe shoes and no loose jewelry). Instructor has the right to refuse riding if the attire is not appropriate.
- ❖ **ATTENDANCE:** Rising Hope requires AT LEAST 24 hours notice if your child is unable to make his/her scheduled ride. If the rider is sick, or if there is an emergency, we request as much notice as possible be provided. If a rider fails to show without notice more than once, the rider's sessions will be suspended and his/her time session will be given to a rider on the waiting list.
- ❖ **TARDINESS:** Out of Respect for our volunteers, horses and fellow riders, riding sessions will end on time. If a rider is late more than 3 times, Rising Hope Farms reserves the right to suspend that rider's sessions and his/her slot will be filled by a rider on the waiting list.
- ❖ **DESIGNATED AREAS:** No one except volunteers, therapist and riders are permitted in the mounting area and arena unless given permission by Instructor. (Mounting area is located behind the barn where the mounting block and handicap ramp is located).
- ❖ **GATES:** There shall be NO hanging, leaning or climbing on gates.
- ❖ **FEEDING HORSES:** Always use a bucket or black rubber dish when feeding horses treats.
- ❖ **KEEP OFF:** Riders and family members are not allowed on farm equipment or other vehicles belonging to Rising Hope Farms.
- ❖ **BARN RULES:** Everyone must obey barn rules (attached).
- ❖ **REMAIN ON PREMISES:** Parents/Guardians of riders MUST remain on premises at all times during the rider's session. RHF volunteers are not allowed to transport riders in case of emergency.
- ❖ **SPONSORSHIP:** As most of you are aware, Rising Hope Farms is supported by community donations and not by participant fee. We are asking each family to help RHF by finding a sponsor to contribute \$100 per year to support our operating budget. This contribution can be made by one or more individuals, organizations, churches, etc. All checks are to be made out to Rising Hope Farms.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** We request that each family who benefits from the program give back by volunteering at least 5 hours during the season. You will be notified of opportunities to participate in special events, serve on a committee (fundraising, marketing, etc) or work days at the farm.

_____, understands and agrees with these guidelines.
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

RHF Initial: _____