



Horses of Hope, Inc.

“Giving Hope One Individual at a Time”

Thank you for requesting a Community Rider Participant Packet.

Horses of Hope is excited to offer riding lessons for community riders. This community program helps Horses of Hope supplement funding for our therapeutic riding program and is for individuals that do not qualify as having a special need and that do not require extra assistance during a lesson. This program does not qualify for our Sponsorship program. This packet includes forms that will be helpful and necessary, so we are able to safely meet the needs of our participants. Please complete/sign all applicable forms and return to Horses of Hope at the address below.

Following is a checklist of **Required** forms, etc. to assist you:

- Registration Form
- Photo & Video Release
- Waiver and Release
- Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment
- Participant Policies and Procedures (Keep first 2 pages send in 3rd signature page)
- Payment Policy

When your packet is received, we will notify you about lesson times that are available.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 570-726-8533.

Sincerely,

Laurie Flanagan
Executive Director

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COMMUNITY RIDER REGISTRATION FORM

The Horses of Hope program is located at 101 Stoltzfus Lane in Mackeyville.
After completion of this form, please mail to Horses of Hope, PO Box 94, Lock Haven, PA 17745

Participant: _____ Phone: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email Address of Participant or Guardian: _____

School or institution presently attending: _____

Is participant over 21, legally competent and able to sign for him/herself? _____

If participant is not over 21, not legally competent, and/or unable to sign for him/herself, a legal guardian, not the participant, must sign all of these forms.

Parent, Spouse or Guardian: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Horses of Hope, Inc. conducts equine assisted activities several days a week. Please specify day(s) / time(s) that you can participate.

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PHOTO & VIDEO RELEASE

Name of Participant: _____

For valuable consideration given and which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby grants to Horses of Hope, Inc. permission to take, or have taken, still and moving photographs and films of the above named Participant, and consents and authorizes Horses of Hopes, Inc., its advertising agencies, news media, and any other persons interested in Horses of Hope, Inc. and its work, to use and reproduce the photographs, films or pictures, and to circulate and publicize the same by all means, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, web sites, television media, brochures, pamphlets, instructional materials, books, and clinical materials.

With respect to the foregoing matters, no inducements or promises have been made to secure this signature to this release other than the intention of Horses of Hope, Inc. to use, or cause to be used, such photographs, films, and pictures for the primary purpose of promoting Horses of Hope, Inc. and its work.

I give consent: _____ Date: _____
Signature of participant, parent, or guardian (if participant is a minor)

I **do not** give consent: _____ Date: _____

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RELEASE: ALL VISITORS/PARTICIPANTS/VOLUNTEERS (OR PARENT OR GUARDIAN, IF UNDER 21) MUST SIGN THIS RELEASE, WAIVING LEGAL RIGHTS AGAINST **HORSES OF HOPE, INC. and KYLE and SUSAN JOHNSTON**. IF YOU DO NOT SIGN A RELEASE, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE PROPERTIES.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I, _____, a visitor to/participant of/volunteer in the Horses of Hope, Inc. equine assistance program (the “Program”) or _____, the parent or legal guardian of a visitor to/participant of/volunteer in the program, am aware that all activities involving horses, including, but not limited to, riding, driving, grooming, leading, and/or any events involving horses, pose many inherent dangers, risks, and hazards. These include, but are not limited to, bodily injury and physical harm to riders, instructors, therapists, aides, groomers, leaders, handlers, side walkers, photographers, spectators, and/ or any other helpers. I freely and fully assume all dangers, risks, and hazards and the possibility of injury, death, property damage or other loss resulting from such dangers, risks, and hazards. I understand that I or my child or ward should not participate in the Program or visit the properties unless medically able. I agree to comply with Program rules and regulations, directions, instructions, and/or safety precautions given by Program employees, instructors, therapists, aides, and volunteers. My or my child’s or ward’s participation in the Program or visit to the properties is upon the express agreement and understanding that I have received, read, and understand this Waiver and Release.

In consideration of my or my child’s or ward’s participation/volunteering in the Program or visit to the properties, I hereby, for myself and any participant for whom I am a parent or legal guardian, release, discharge, hold harmless, and forever acquit Horses of Hope, Inc. together with its officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, instructors, therapist, aides, and volunteers, and Kyle and Susan Johnston, in their individual capacities, from any and all actions, causes of action, losses, claims, or any liabilities whatsoever, including, but not limited to, illness or injury, known or unknown, now existing or which may arise in the future, which may accrue to me, my heirs, my guardians, administrators, executors, or assignees, including attorney’s fees and court costs, on account of or in any way related to or arising out of my or my child’s or ward’s participation in the Program or visit to the properties. Finally, I assume all liability for any non-participants who accompany me.

I have had the opportunity to ask any questions that I may have and such questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have read, understood, and agree to the above. I understand and confirm, by signing this Waiver and Release that I have given up considerable future legal rights. My signature is proof of my intention to execute a complete and unconditional Waiver and Release of all liability to the full extent of the law.

PARTICIPANT/VOLUNTEER/VISITOR’S NAME *(please print)*: _____

PARTICIPANT/VOLUNTEER/VISITOR’S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

AGREEMENT AND CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF MINOR

I, as the parent or guardian of the above visitor or participant, give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the Program or visit the properties, and further, in consideration of allowing my child or ward to participate in the program or visit the property, I agree individually and on behalf of my child or ward to the terms of the above Waiver and Release.

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME *(please print)*: _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT – PARTICIPANT

NAME _____ DOB _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHYSICIAN’S NAME _____ MEDICAL FACILITY _____

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY _____ POLICY # _____

ALLERGIES TO MEDICATIONS OR FOODS

CURRENT MEDICATIONS

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Name _____ Relation _____ Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury during the process of receiving services, or while being on the property of the agency, I authorize Horses of Hope, Inc. to:

1. Secure and retain medical treatment and transportation if needed.
2. Release participant’s records upon request to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical emergency treatment.

CONSENT PLAN

This authorization includes x-rays, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed “life saving” by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) above is unable to be reached.

Consent Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of participant, parent or guardian (if participant is a minor)

NON-CONSENT PLAN

I **do not** give my consent for emergency medical treatment/aid in the case of illness or injury during the process of receiving services or while being on the property of the agency. In the event emergency treatment/aid is required, I wish the following procedure to take place:

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Non-Consent Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

(Please keep pages 1 and 2 for your records)

Limitations

Horses of Hope, Inc. offers Equine Assisted Activities on horseback. We provide this service to adults and children. A weight limit of 225 lbs. has been established for horseback riding. Individuals over the weight limit can still participate in other fun, horse related activities at the farm.

Clothing

Participants must wear long pants such as riding breeches, jeans or leggings to prevent chafing of legs. **Participants may not ride in shorts or skirts.** Please also avoid slick athletic pants and swishy snow pants and jackets. Participants may not ride in sandals, clogs, or slip-on shoes. Shoes or boots with a rounded toe and small heel are the safest form of footwear. Riding boots with a heel must be worn when saddles without safety stirrups are used. No dangling jewelry is permitted. Safety helmets that meet ASTM-SEI requirements are required to be worn by all participants. Helmets will be available, but it is suggested that participants acquire their own helmet. Please ask an instructor about how to determine proper fit.

Cancellation Policy

It is difficult to reschedule both horses and volunteers at short notice. If you know in advance that you have prior commitments and will be unable to attend a class, please advise us as soon as possible by calling the Instructor that normally oversees your lesson. The instructor's number will be given to you when setting up your first lesson.

Participants who are a “no-show” or cancel within two hours of the scheduled lesson time, will forfeit the lesson cost and will not receive a make-up. More than one “no-show” or late cancellation, within a ten week session, could result in losing your appointed lesson day and time. Reinstatement of your day and time, for the next session, will be considered. Participants who arrive late for their lesson will only groom and ride for any time remaining.

Participants who must cancel remaining classes due to extreme medical situations may receive a credit for the lessons missed. This will be at the discretion of the Executive Director.

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Inclement Weather

Classes may be canceled due to bad (rain/thunder/high wind) weather. All efforts will be made to contact participant of cancellation within two hours of scheduled lesson time. For some participants and situations, an option may be that a stable management/horse care class can take place in the stables. A lesson may be canceled if the wind chill reaches 40° or below, or if the heat index reaches 90° or higher. Cancellations by Horses of Hope, Inc. instructors *will be made up*. Cancellations by Horses of Hope, Inc. because of weather *will be credited if a make-up is not possible*.

Horses of Hope, Inc. reserves the right to reschedule, cancel and amend classes and the operating calendar at any time.

Safety Rules & Code of Ethics

Your safety and well-being is our most important concern. All forms will need to be updated on an annual basis.

Participants that display behaviors that are abusive and/or disruptive in manner to other participants, horses, staff, or volunteers will not be allowed to participate for the safety of everyone involved.

Please do not hand feed the horses. All treats will be given to the horses at the end of the day and at the discretion and under the supervision of the instructor.

In order to comply with PATH International standards, **only participants and volunteers will be allowed in the stable and arena area during lessons.** For the safety of our participants, please stay off the mounting ramps and out of the mounting ramp area. Parents and other spectators are asked to watch from the visitor area until students are finished with their class.

No dogs are allowed on property.

Participants must wear closed-toe shoes. If a participant arrives wearing inappropriate shoes, he/she will not be able to participate.

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Payment Policy

Horses of Hope Community Rider participants will partake in a lesson that will be 45 minutes in duration. The fee for each lesson is \$40.00. Payments must be received prior to each lesson. There is a payment lockbox located in the community room for all payments. If you are in need of a receipt, please make a notation with payment and a receipt will be mailed to you.

It is important that participants and their families understand HoH is an amazing program run primarily by volunteers. HoH is meant to be a place where people can come and find healing and support. Negativity, gossip and rumor related talk will not be tolerated by Participants or Participant’s family and could result in dismissal from the program. If you find you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the program, you should speak with your instructor. If you need further assistance, please contact the Program Director, Vickie Hancock at 570-726-8533. We appreciate your help in making HoH the positive environment for all that come to the farm.

We strive to make this a fun, safe experience for everyone. Please do not hesitate to call the office (570) 726-8533 with any questions you may have.

I have read and understand the Policies and Procedures outlined on pages 1 and 2 concerning limitations, clothing, cancellations, inclement weather, and safety rules.

Please sign and return this page with your Participant Packet

Participant’s Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Participant, parent, or legal guardian over 21 and legally competent)

**There are many ways to help Horses of Hope, Inc., and we would be most appreciative of your assistance in administrative, fundraising, and even planning tasks. If interested, please contact the office.*

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