

Last Chance Ranch, Inc. Equine Rescue



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JUNIOR VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please Print

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E Mail: _____

Street.

Apt #

City

State

Zip

Alternate#: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Horse experience:

Number of years?: _____

Do you own a horse? _____

Can you:

Properly lead a horse? Y or N

Groom a horse? Y or N

Ride horses? Y or N

English _____ Western _____ Other _____

Identify Breeds? Y or N

Distinguish colors/markings? Y or N

Tack up a horse? Y or N

Label parts of saddle/bridle? Y or N

ADDITIONAL:

Why do you want to volunteer? _____

What do you expect to get out of LCR? _____

What other hobbies do you have (not horse related)? _____

What are some activities you'd like to experience with the LCR Jr. Volunteer 4 H? _____

This stable does NOT guarantee your safety.

Please read the equine activity contract, rules, and release of liability very carefully before signing it.

I agree to the following rules and have read and understand the WARNING - Nature of the Horse, Donkey, Pony, or Mule and will follow them to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Special conditions/limitations/medications to be aware of? (e.g. Asthma, Bee allergies, Heart Conditions, etc.) _____

Tetanus Vaccine (required) _____ Yes. Date: _____

I _____ certify the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that any misleading or false information contained in this application will lead to my dismissal. Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

LCR PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

In consideration of the services of Last Chance Ranch, Inc. their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "LCR "). I hereby agree to release and discharge LCR, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that any horse or farm related activity entails known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to me, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

The risks Include, among other things: The propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them irrespective of their previous behavior and characteristics; the unpredictably of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals, or more: certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other equines or objects; failing to maintain control over the animal; being bounced, jostled, or thrown due to passage over varied, sometimes rough terrain; the risk of falling off or being thrown from a horse could occur resulting in injuries even death; adverse weather could result in my being exposed to cold, wind, rain, and/or snow, and could cause a loss of control over the horse; latent or apparent defects or conditions in equipment, animals or property: contact with plants or animals; my own physical condition or my own acts or omissions; first- aid, emergency treatment or other services rendered; consumption of food or drink.

Furthermore, LCR has difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be ignorant or uninformed of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

3. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless LCR from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of LCR's equipment or facilities, including any such Claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of LCR.

4. Should LCR or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless to such fees and costs.

5. I certify that I have adequate insurance to covet any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions, which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against LCR on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms. **WARNING: NATURE OF THE HORSE, DONKEY, PONY, OR MULE**

Riding, leading and handling horses, donkeys, ponies or mules (equines) are classified as rugged adventure recreational sport activities. There are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activities - despite all the safety precautions. No equine is a completely safe animal. Equines are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human is. If a rider falls from an equine to the ground, it will generally be a distance of from 3.5 to 5.5 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Equine riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal (the human) tries to control and become one unit of movement with another much larger, stronger prey animal (the equine), with each having limited understanding of the other. If an equine is frightened or provoked, it may divert from its training and act according to its natural instincts. Such instincts may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing direction or speed abruptly at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking, or running from what the equine perceives as danger. Serious injury or death may result from your participation in this activity.

Your participation in this activity shall constitute a release from liability on behalf of LCR and its officers and volunteers.

Signature of Participant: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIANS ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION (Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by LCR to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless LCR from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

RULES & REGULATIONS

LCR rules must be strictly followed for the safety of the animals and people involved! If you do not abide by these rules you will be asked to terminate your volunteering.

Sign up sheets will be posted on the volunteer board (located in the office) for upcoming events.

Due to the volume of people who come through LCR's gates during the week, we all need to consider the privacy of the residence, the house and back yard. There is 24/7 care and critical care .

CLOSED SUNDAYS and MONDAYS! (Except feeders.)

- Plan on getting dirty, or muddy...no sandals, flip flops etc.
- Do not knock (peek your head in, shout through door etc.) on private residence door unless it is an emergency (e.g. horse colicing, hurt, bleeding).
- All LCR volunteers will receive equal opportunity and treatment throughout recruitment, appointment, training, and service.
- Volunteers are to arrive on time for the task signed up for. If unable to make the time, then LCR needs at least 24-hour notice. IMPORTANT: if signed up for feeding, please find your own replacements. DO NOT just leave a message stating you are not going to feed. You must speak to someone in the office or have a replacement.
- Phone: See SOPs. Do not answer unless you have been approved to do so. NO long distance calls allowed (unless an emergency). Only use phone numbers listed in barn/office for emergencies. All other calls must go to: 215-538-2510
- Under age 14 must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.
- Visits by friends or family of volunteers must be supervised by Level 4 and above or a Board Member. *Please make an appointment.* Other visitations or Tours are by Appointment Only!
- NO one is allowed in the barn without supervision unless they have become a Level 3 (Blue) volunteer.
- There will be no reimbursement of funds for supplies purchased without prior approval from the Board.
- Although we greatly appreciate all efforts made by volunteers on behalf of LCR, the Board must first approve all actions, correspondence, and solicitations.
- Volunteers may only handle horses after they have been orientated and passed to a Level 3 (Blue) and only the horses that fall into their Level's classification, unless supervised.
- DO NOT FEED any animal anything without direct approval. (These horses have special needs and restrictions to their diets.
- Turn OFF!!! Water by hose and pump. (It leaks otherwise.) No water in aisle.
- Medications or drugs may only be administered with the approval of the Farm Manager.
- ANY and ALL veterinary/medical questions go directly and only through Lori. DO NOT call the vet to inquire about LCR animals. You are NOT authorized!
- Do NOT open any stall door, gate, latch, etc. with out prior assessment and approval.
- Do NOT enter any stall or pasture where there is a horse without permission. Always close gate immediately behind you.
- Only Lead Feeders are to feed. Do NOT feed any animal anything without direct approval. (These horses have special needs and certain restrictions to their diets.)
- Do NOT handle any horse until you have been authorized.
- NO SMOKING in or around the barns, pastures, vehicles, or equipment. There is a designated area.
- Alcohol/drug use when volunteering at LCR or a related LCR function will NOT be tolerated.
- NO rough housing, screaming, loud noises, or profanity.
- All equipment must be cleaned and put back in its proper place.
- Sweep barn aisle if necessary, neatness makes a big impression.
- LCR is not responsible for advice given by volunteers.
- Be respectful, kind, considerate to others. Be courteous, patient, and open-minded. We do expect you to be willing to learn and enjoy yourself. LCR is a teaching environment with something to offer the young, the old, the physically/mentally challenged, the horse person, and the persons who admire from afar.
- If you volunteer for something off site (e.g. writing letters, research, fundraisers, etc.), we need professional consistent FOLLOW THROUGH on your responsibilities. We will need frequent updates on your progress.

Please use common sense, think SAFETY first.