

# Alpine Ridge Farms LLC

600 - 10 Mile Rd. NW  
Sparta, MI 49345 - (616) 887-1419

## Riding Instruction Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement Form

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING - SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY.**

**ALPINE RIDGE FARMS LLC AND REBECCA BRADLEY DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY!**

**REGISTRATION OF RIDER AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE:** In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, I, the following listed individual, and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in riding instruction as a student at Alpine Ridge Farms LLC, and that this student will wither ride his/her own horse, or a school horses provided by Alpine Ridge Farms LLC for instructional purpose, today and on all future dates:

Name of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email  
address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete  
Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Does this rider have any physical and/or mental health conditions, problems, disorders, and/or disabilities with special needs, which ma affect his/her safety and ability to ride a horse? YES NO

If "yes" describe here and advise Alpine Ridge Farms LLC prior to riding:

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**PAYMENTS:** Total payment of \$325.00 is due upon registration.  
There will be a \$25.00 N/F charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** There are No refunds accept for proof of illness and you must notify the farm 24 hours prior to the registered session at 616-887-1419.

**CAMP SESSIONS:** are consecutively scheduled Monday through Friday.

**AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY** - This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered student, and the parent or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of this state and county of Alpine Ridge Farms LLC physically located.

**ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION - I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Horseback riding is classified as a RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank approximately 64<sup>th</sup> in injuries that result in a stay at US hospitals. Related injuries can be severing requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.

**NATURE OF THIS STABLE'S SCHOOL HORSES - I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Alpine Ridge Farms LLC chooses its school horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use for Student Riders and Alpine Ridge Farms LLC follows a rigid safety program. Yet no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls

from horse to ground it will generally be a 3 ½ to 5 ½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback 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 horse, with each having a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short; changing direction or speed at will; shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking or running from danger.

**RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY - I UNDERSTAND THAT:** Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal. I agree that the rider shall be responsible of his/.her safety, including that of an unborn child, if the rider is pregnant. Pregnant women should ride horses only under the advice of their physician. THIS STABLE advises pregnant women not to ride horses.

**CONDITIONS OF NATURE AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES - I UNDERSTAND THAT;** THIS STABLE is NOT responsible for total or partial act, occurrence, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing in an arena, or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape. The rider and parent or legal guardian have inspected THIS Stable's facility and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonable safe for the rider's intended purpose, usage and presence upon Alpine Ridge Farms LLC.

**SADDLE GIRTHS/NATURAL LOOSENING - I UNDERSTAND THAT;** Saddle girths may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the riding instructor as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.

**ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE - I AGREE THAT; should emergency medical treatment be required, I and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses.**

**PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING - I AGREE THAT;** I for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward have been fully warned and advised by Alpine Ridge Farms LLC that protective headgear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM ATANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet, should be purchased and worn while riding and being near horses and I don't understand that the wearing of such headgear at these times may reduce severe head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences.

***RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT - In consideration of Alpine Ridge Farms LLC allowing my participation in this activity under the terms set forth herein, I, the rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless and release this stable, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owner of premises, affiliated organizations, Insurers and other acting on this stable's behalf (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Associates"), of all claims, demands, causes of action, and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to this stable gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against this stable and its associates as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, and injury to, or loss by death, sustained by me and/or my minor child and/or legal ward in relation to the premises and operation of this stable, to include being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control by this stable, whether on or off the premises of Alpine Ridge Farms LLC.***

#### **SIGNERS STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

***I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNING, AND ASSUPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE AGREEMENT. I FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL STATED FACTS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.***

***Signature of Rider or Parent and/or Legal Guardian:***

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

