

# Smoky Mountain Stables, inc.

1720 E. Parkway, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

## Visitors Acknowledgement of Risk

In consideration of the services of Smoky Mountain Stables, their officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with the business (hereinafter referred to as SMS), I agree as follows:

Although SMS has taken reasonable steps to ensure you can enjoy an activity for which you may not be skilled, we wish to remind you this activity is not without risk. Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can be causes of loss or damage to your equipment, accidental injury, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. We do not want to frighten you or reduce your enthusiasm for this activity, but we think it is important for you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all of the risks.

Horseback riding and the use of any horse or horseback riding equipment involves a substantial risk of danger and injury. The behavior of the horse which I will ride and other horses are unpredictable at times based upon instinct or fright, which may cause you to be thrown from your horse or injured by the horse. Horses may do things such as bite, kick, buck, lie down, or stumble. Saddles may slip and other tack problems may develop because of normal use and wear. There are inherent risks from terrain and weather. The terrain over which I will ride is subject to change constantly because of weather and natural causes. Changes in terrain, rocks, forest growth, debris and other obstacles and hazards, including other horses and participants, exist throughout the property upon which I will be riding. Each of these obstacles of variation in terrain could cause me to lose control of my horse and I could fall. Riding a horse requires balance on a saddle. I may lose my balance and that can result in my falling from the horse.

I am aware that this activity entails risks of injury or death to myself. I understand that the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume responsibility for the risks identified herein and those risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself, including my minor children, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and of my negligence in participating in this activity.

Print name of participants:

Self \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Children \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, estate and for all members of my family, including minors accompanying me. I acknowledge I am not relying on any oral, written, or visual representations or statements made by SMS, including those made in its brochures or other promotional material, to induce me to participate in this activity.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_