



Girl's Participant Application

Dear Prospective Participants and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. We are a non-profit organization staffed mainly by volunteers.

In order to provide the best benefit and the safest environment to our participants, Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. has established some guidelines for acceptance into the program. It is recommended that clients be at least 11 years of age and have the ability to follow directions. All forms must be completed and returned before you or your child can be enrolled.

Upon completion and receipt of the forms, the participant will be assigned a riding time that is appropriate, or placed on a waiting list. Our instruction is determined based on age and ability. To increase your chances of securing a place in the riding schedule, be sure to note *all* times that you are available to ride. If placement on a waiting list is necessary, you will be contacted when a riding time becomes available.

In this packet, you will find other useful information about our program, goals, and fees. If you have email access, please note it on the application form. Some information is disseminated to our students and volunteers electronically.

We look forward to working with you.

Mail forms to:

Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc.

1015 S 1000 W

Logan, Utah 84321

Or Contact: Merrill Gould at 435-730-2136

Lessons: Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. offers sessions on a year round basis. Lessons are taught weekly. Based on the needs and abilities of a student, an individualized program will consist of riding and/or horsemanship skills. Lessons are offered in 1.5 hour sessions. Occasionally ground lessons (stable management) classes are conducted in lieu of a mounted activity. Class typically consists of one or two participants and one trainer. Classes run Monday through Friday. A variety of morning, afternoon, and evening classes are available. Students must be registered with 4H and may also ride with their horse program on Wednesday evenings at the fair-grounds, as well as in the summer 4H riding competitions.

Fees: Fees are payable to Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. by cash, check, money order, or Venmo at the beginning of each month at a rate of \$150 per student per month for those caring for an adult horse or \$75 per student for those caring for babies. Alternative payment arrangements are available upon request.

Attendance: Upon arrival, sign in at the designated place. When the student will be absent, notify the Center within 24 hours, if possible. Three absences without notice (denoted by an “X” in the attendance book) may result in student being dropped from the schedule.

Bad Weather: Classes will only be cancelled in the event of dangerous or threatening weather. To determine cancellations you may call the Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. Director, Merrill Gould, at: (435)730-2136.

Punctuality: It is extremely important for a client to arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled riding time. **Late rider policy:** If a client is late to the scheduled riding time, Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. cannot guarantee he/she will be able to ride. Volunteers will be released 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of the class in the absence of a student.

Siblings: If siblings are in attendance with parents of students participating in class, **the parents are responsible for the direct supervision of these children at all times.** Noise and lots of activity can distract horses and students.

Clothing Requirements for Riders:

Long pants, sleeved, full torso covering shirt

Approved style boots with a heel. (Tennis shoes are not acceptable)

ASTM/SEI approved helmet

Sunscreen, gloves, or jacket, as needed.

Conduct at the Center: It is mandatory that everyone complies with all posted **safety rules**. Abide by all posted **off-limit areas**. Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. is a **no smoking** facility and the use of **drugs or alcohol on the property is strictly forbidden**. No mistreatment, neglect or abuse of any animal or person will be tolerated.

Participant Registration Form

Participant: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____
E-mail address: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____
Emergency: (____) _____

Parent/Legal Guardian/Adult Caregiver:

Address: _____
Phone: (____) _____

Second Parent/Guardian/Caregiver address if different from above:

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Phone)

Employer/School:

PHOTO RELEASE

I, _____ hereby (Check one): **Consent** **Do NOT Consent**
to the use and reproduction by Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. of any and all photographs and any
other audio/visual materials taken of me/my son/my daughter for promotional printed material,
educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Participant, Parent, Legal Guardian

For The following Rider(s): _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



**Please fill out this page for our Getting to Know You notebook.
The notebook is for the volunteers to get to know a little about the students they will be working with.**

My full name is _____

Please call me _____ My birthdate is _____
(Name I go by)

I started at Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. on _____
(Date)

My interests/hobbies are: _____

I have: (brothers, sisters, pets): _____

My goals for riding are: _____

Please supply any details you think might be helpful to the instructor who will be working with him/her/you.

Speech _____ Comprehension _____
Vision _____ Hearing _____

Particular methods he/she/you responds to:

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment Form

Participant Volunteer

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone: Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Address: _____

(Street) (City) (Zip)

Physicians Name: _____ Physician Phone: _____

Preferred Medical Facility: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

Allergies (including medications): _____

Current medications & dosage: _____

Describe any disability/medical condition requiring special precautions or treatment: _____

In the event of an emergency, contact:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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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 Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. to:

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

Consent Plan

This authorization includes X-ray, 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: _____

Client, Parent or Legal Guardian

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 procedures to take place:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Client, Parent or Legal Guardian

Print Name: _____

Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc.

Our mission is to provide a quality facility and experience that celebrates all of the disciplines of western pleasure riding and competition. Our success is measured by the enthusiastic response of our students and the joy of the horses.

In order to maintain a first-rate facility for everyone to enjoy and use we have developed rules and guidelines for all to follow. We all need to work together with the highest standards of cooperation, ethics, goodwill and sportsmanship to make this a fun and safe place for all of us. We ask that you observe and respect the rules and each other so that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience.

Horses are intelligent, social and potentially dangerous animals. Be aware and keep safe.

Student Behavior and Stable Rules

Any and all riding, handling and interaction with horses is done at your own risk!

NO smoking, drugs, alcohol, or weapons of any kind will be allowed on the premises at any time, by anyone.

Students **MUST** treat all horses with respect, attention, care and caution. **ALL** messes made by a student's horse is their responsibility to clean up, regardless of the location of the mess.

Students may **NOT** handle, ride, work or remove horses from stalls, rail or pen in the absence of an adult trainer. Halters must be removed from horses when they are in their stall. Horses may not be left unattended tied in their stall or the alleyway. Horses may **NOT** be removed from stalls without a halter on and a lead rope attached. There is **NO** riding in the alleyway at any time.

Horses may **NOT** be left unattended for more than 15 minutes and only **IF** they are tied to the rail or in the round pen. Horses should be attended at all other times unless put away in their stall.

No unnecessary reprimanding of a horse will be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to: abusive spurring, gross neglect, harmful training methods or injury by drug intake.

Students must clean stalls daily (except Saturday which is an optional day and Sunday Whispering Canyons is closed to riding). Stalls area includes all the area from the back of their stall to their tie post. If a student is sick or absent it is **THEIR** responsibility to engage someone else to perform their duties at the stable for the duration of their absence.

Students must feed horses daily and groom them twice a week at a minimum.

Students are responsible for their tack, saddles and equipment they use and must clean and care for it weekly.

All **MUST** wear appropriate clothing. Please **NO** shorts, tank tops or midriff tops.

Students are NOT allowed to bring ANYONE into the riding area without proper safety gear (ASTM/SEI hard hat/helmet and the specified type of boots), a signed liability form and approval of an adult trainer.

An adult or trainer MUST be present at the time. ANYONE under the age of 11 is NOT ALLOWED to handle or ride any horse and may not be on the premises without a responsible adult supervising them.

Students are required to wear a reflective jacket when walking or riding their horses in dim or dark conditions (such as traveling to and from the stables to the Cache County fairgrounds arena and/or Foundation or 4-H activities).

Students MUST follow the instructions of any member of the Board of Directors for the Whispering Canyons Foundation and of any trainer.

Fundraisers are an essential part of Whispering Canyons. Hay, transportation, vaccinations, foot care and much more are made possible by our fundraisers. Because of how essential these funds are to the working of Whispering Canyons, students are required to participate in 4 fundraisers a year. This includes set up, take down, and all time during the fundraiser. Parents are required to participate in 2 fundraisers a year which can include prep work, set up, take down, or time during the fundraiser.

Keep your language clean. Talk of sex or inappropriate subjects may result in your dismissal from the program.

Students are responsible to maintain the hay pile in front of their stall and make sure 3 bails are placed in front of the stall every Friday.

All new applicants are required to fulfill 2 months of volunteer work before a horse is assigned to them. During this time, they will learn the rules and regulations of Whispering Canyons, how to care for the horses and their living arrangements, how to work, and what is expected of a participant. After their 2-month learning experience has been completed and as horses become available, girls will get their horse, stall, and tack assignment.

Personal items of value should be left at home. Whispering Canyons Foundation is NOT responsible for students' personal belongings brought or left on-site.

Be respectful of other people's property. Theft of another students' property will result in serious consequences and possible criminal charges.

Manure must be dumped in the designated area only. Do NOT block the alleyway or stalls except when cleaning a stall.

All tack is to be kept in assigned places. The tack box by your horses' stall is to house your halter, lunge- lines, helmets and boots. All other tack is to be kept in the tack room in an orderly manner. Clothing or items left lying around will be disposed of weekly.

Horses are to be washed in the designated area only. Hoses MUST be coiled, and faucets turned off when finished.

All garbage must be disposed of properly. If a can is full, empty it or find another can to put your trash into.

Scheduled lessons have priority in the round pen.

If you choose to bring friends, relatives or dogs on the premises, we require that they follow all the rules and regulations of the facility and that any dogs be on leash and under your control at all times. Failure to do so will result in them and possibly you being asked to leave.

Help your fellow riders and the trainers. Always try to work together. Infighting, gossiping, disrespectful or poor attitude or behavior toward others or horses will NOT be tolerated.

All students MUST have a copy on file with the Foundation Board Secretary of both of the following: 1) a signed Equine Activity and Liability Waiver form and 2) a signed Whispering Canyons Stable Rules form.

Any concerns questions or requests must be made in writing with the date and your name. These may be placed in the suggestion box in the tack room.

Your cooperation in recognizing the importance and following these rules is greatly appreciated. These rules are subject to change at the Board's discretion. Updates or changes will be posted at the facility.

Breaking ANY of these rules could result in injury to a student, trainer or animal and as such requires consequences.

The consequence will be commensurate with the offense and the degree of injury, effect or problem the offense causes. The consequence may include loss of riding privileges, extra grounds work around the riding area and stalls, or expulsion.

By signing this notice, you agree to abide by these rules and the potential consequences, including agreeing to the Liability Release.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director/Board Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. Release of Liability

This RELEASE of LIABILITY is made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc., hereinafter designated **Foundation**, and _____ hereinafter designated **Rider**, and if Rider is a minor, Rider's Parent or Guardian, _____. In return for the use, today and on all future dates of the property, facilities, horses and services of the Foundation, leased or owned, the Rider, her/his heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, hereby expressly agree to the following:

WARNING

Under Utah law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. #78-27b-102 (2001), or as amended.

1. It is the responsibility of the Rider and Parent/Guardian to carry full and complete insurance coverage on her/his horse, (if owned by the Rider or her/his family), personal property and Rider.
2. Rider and Parent/Guardian agrees to assume **ANY AND ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN OR ARISING FROM THE RIDER'S USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON WHISPERING CANYONS FOUNDATION/LAND-OWNER/DIRECTOR/MANAGER'S PROPERTY AND FACILITIES, WHETHER OWNED OR LEASED** including, without limitation, but not limited to, the risks of death, bodily injury, property damage, falls, kicks, bites, collisions with vehicles, horses or stationary objects, fire or explosion, the unavailability of emergency medical care, or the negligence or deliberate act of another person.
3. The Rider and Parent/Guardian acknowledges that there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participation in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are NOT LIMITED to the propensity of equines to behave in unexpected and dangerous ways. Such behavior may include: running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on persons. All of which may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them. The unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface condition, collisions with other animals or structures; the limited availability of emergency medical care, and the potential of a participant to act in a thoughtless or negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over an animal or acting out frustration, excitement or other emotion in an inappropriate manner.
4. Rider and Parent/Guardian assume all risks in connection with the inherent risks associated with the unpredictability of horses, including the behaviors listed above. The Rider and Parent/Guardian expressly agree to waive any and all claims for injury or loss arising from participation and /or proximity to horses.
5. The Rider and Parent/Guardian agree to sign, abide by and follow Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. rules and regulations which shall be posted and available upon request. Rider and Parent/Guardian understand and agree that injury, accident or death can occur from not following said rules and Rider and Parent/Guardian agree to full liability for any incidents, damage, injury, or death that may occur in the event of Rider not abiding by Foundation's rules, regulations and training. Further The Rider and Parent/Guardian agree that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of the rider therefore they shall provide full disclosure to the Foundation of rider's abilities prior to acceptance into the program.
6. Rider and Parent/Guardian agree to abide by all of Land Owner and Foundation's rules and regulations. Failure to comply will engender loss of privileges for one week or more. Repeated failure to comply will be cause for expulsion and banning from any and all use.
7. Rider and Parent/Guardian agree to hold Land Owner and Foundation/Director/Manager and all of their family, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. board of directors, officers, trainers, volunteers, employees and agents **completely harmless and not liable and to release them from all liability whatsoever and AGREES NOT TO SUE them** on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of action, demands, injuries, damages, judgments, attorney fees or costs, cost or expenses arising out of Rider's use of or presence upon Land owner or Foundation's property and facilities, leased or owned, including without limitation, those based on death, bodily injury, property damage, including consequential damages, IN ANY WAY CONNECTED with RIDER's use of or presence on the property of Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. or in any facilities located thereon.

8. Rider and Parent/Guardian agree to waive the protection afforded by any Utah statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing the release.
9. Rider and Parent/Guardian agree to indemnify and defend Land Owner and Foundation against, and hold them harmless from, any and all claims, causes of action, damages, judgements, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees, which in any way arise from the Rider's use of or presence upon the Land Owner or Foundation's property and facilities.
10. Rider and Parent/Guardian expressly release Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. and land owner from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage, even if such claim is caused by negligence (if allowed by the laws of the state of Utah) by Whispering Canyons Foundation, Inc. its' staff, Board of Directors or volunteers.
11. If Rider is using his/her own horse, the horse shall be free from infection, contagious or transmissible disease. Director/Manager reserves the right to refuse any horse if not in proper health or if it is deemed dangerous or undesirable.
12. Any action brought under this agreement shall be brought within one (1) year of the incident or accident giving rise to said claim. Rider and Parent/Guardian agree that damages shall be limited to \$250.00 for property damage, medical or other actual expenses incurred, with a maximum of \$10,000.00 for damages such as pain and suffering.
13. This contract is non-assignable and non-transferable and is made and entered into the State of Utah, and shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of this state. Should any clause or a portion therein be determined to be in conflict with State Law, then that clause or a portion therein is null and void. But any such action shall not void clauses, or portions therein that are not in conflict and such shall remain in full affect. When the Director/Manager and Rider and Rider's parent or guardian, if Rider is a minor, sign this contract, it will then be binding on all parties, subject to the above terms and conditions.

Rider's Signature	Date	Director/Manager's Signature	Date

Rider's Parent/Guardian (if Rider is a minor.)	Date	Rider's Address and Phone Number

State of Utah)

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County of _____)

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____

Known to me, or has proven on the basis of satisfactory evidence, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and upon his (her) oath acknowledged to me that he (she) executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20__.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR CACHE COUNTY, UTAH