

# CYPRESS TRAILS

## INTERN/DAY CAMP PROGRAM

### Holiday Break 2017



*Enjoy your holiday break with horses!*

Interns at Cypress Trails Day Camp gain confidence in horsemanship, safety, grooming, ground handling; and, most importantly, in themselves, while building wonderful new friendships.



**W**ith a herd of 70 horses, Cypress Trails offers riding programs suited for various ages and abilities. We are conveniently located on a large, semi-wooded property near Houston, Texas, one mile north of Bush Intercontinental Airport. Riding is done along beautiful, wooded, shady, and secluded natural trails along Cypress Creek.

**I**nterns spend their time experiencing the challenges and responsibilities of loving, riding, and taking care of horses. Whether the Intern comes to camp as a novice or as an experienced rider, they will leave with more confidence and new equestrian skills.

**A**ll of our Interns get personal attention. We want our Interns to leave the ranch with lots of smiles, good memories, and horsemanship skills to last a lifetime. Interns are guaranteed at least two hours of riding each day, along with other horse-related activities (also known as hard work!), in a safe and wholesome atmosphere.

**E**ach Intern will be assigned a horse for the duration of their program. Camp activities include grooming and saddling horses as well as riding lessons. Safety is stressed at all times. Throughout the day Interns will be asked to perform equestrian-related chores, like mucking stalls, feeding horses, oiling saddles, and whatever else is needed to keep our horses healthy and happy.

**I**nterns should dress for outdoor winter weather. They must wear long pants, boots with a low heel, weather-appropriate outerwear, hats/gloves and a protective riding helmet (SEI approved). If the Intern does not have a helmet, we will provide one, or you may buy a new one for your Intern. We always have a great selection of helmets for sale.

**T**he Intern should bring a sack lunch each day, along with preferred beverages and lots of bottled water.

**B**y the end of the week, Interns will know how to saddle, bridle, and care for their horse. They will also be able to ride and control their horse. Instruction will be provided on the breeds and colors of horses, the parts of a saddle and bridle, and horse safety.

**The Intern Day/Camp Holiday Break Program is for ages 8 years\* and up.** Limited enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Confirmation of enrollment is based upon receipt of a deposit and completed application. After we receive your application and deposit, we will send out a packet with all the forms and information you need to get ready for camp!

\*If your child is mentally and physically ready for camp we can accept campers younger than 8, call us to discuss.

**WHAT MAKES US REALLY DIFFERENT!** Cypress Trails offers 1-Day, 5-Day or 10-Day Programs. Interns can choose which weekday(s) they want to participate (Camp is not offered on weekends, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day). Dates for camp are December 20, 2017 - January 12, 2018). Coupons will be provided for each day, to be redeemed each day the Intern participates in the program. If all coupons are not used during the Holiday Break Camp the remainder may be used on Spring or Summer Break. The only requirement is we need to know which day(s) the camper will be at the ranch.

*Hope to see you soon - Darolyn Butler, Owner of Cypress Trails Equestrian Center*

# Day Camp for Junior Horsemen/Interns Holiday Break 2017

## RIDE & WORK INTERN PROGRAM

**OPTION A: 5-Day Camp:** Monday - Friday December 20, 2017 - January 12, 2018 ...\$500.00

**OPTION B: 10-Day Camp:** Monday - Friday December 20, 2017 - January 12, 2018 ...\$850.00

**OPTION C: 1-Day Camp:** Monday - Friday December 20, 2017 - January 12, 2018....\$110.00

Interns may arrive any time after 8:00 AM. The program ends at 5:00 PM. Camp activities will start at 9:00 AM, interns may help feed and saddle before that time.

### *What to Expect & What is Expected of You*

The Junior Horseman/Intern may expect to ride at least two hours each day and have one hour of equine theory/view equine related video instruction. All riding will be under adult supervision, unless the parent allows the Junior Horseman/Intern to ride out on the trail with one of our Junior Wranglers.

I give my permission for (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ to ride on the trail with a Junior Wrangler.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Horsemen/Interns will be expected to help with the horses or any other house, yard, pasture, or barn chores that may arise during the time they are at the ranch. Junior Horsemen/Interns should bring a sack lunch, snacks and lots to drink. They will be given a 1-2 hour(s) break (if they want it) around the middle of the day to eat and rest.

Junior Horsemen/Interns need to be willing to help and to maintain a cheerful attitude. This is a unique learning experience for young people who have a serious interest in learning about horses and the requirements of a horse operation. **Two colored bandanas will be provided on the first day of camp. Please make sure your camper returns with a bandana each day.** These bandanas are used to identify Junior Horsemen/Interns.

**Parents:** Please let us know what days the Jr. Horseman/Intern will be coming so we may integrate them into our lessons and rides at their proper level.

If the Junior Horseman/Intern does not follow instructions or appears to be endangering him/herself or others by their actions or lack of obedience, the rest of the camp may be revoked with a refund given (in HORSEBUCKS) for the balance of the fee.

**The parent /guardian must sign a Cypress Trails Liability Release and complete this information.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2017

**Junior Horseman/Intern Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Riding Experience:**  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

**We choose Option:**  A  B  C **Price:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Intern will attend starting:** \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* Call us to put your Camper/Intern on our schedule for each day they will attend Day Camp.

**Daily coupons will be issued to the Junior Horseman/Intern, they must be redeemed at the beginning of each program day.**

### Cypress Trails Equestrian Center

Adventure Trail Rides • Riding Lessons • Board • Endurance Horses for Sale • Lease • Training

**Darolyn Butler**

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# JUNIOR HORSEMAN/INTERN INFORMATION

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1. Interns may arrive between 8:00 - 9:00 AM and they may leave at whatever time is convenient, but must be gone by 5:00 PM. Please make sure that you sign the child in and let a staff member know they are here. No child should be dropped off without the parent notifying a staff member or camp chaperon of their presence. Please be on time and pick up your child no later than 5:00 PM, unless previous arrangements have been made.
2. A refrigerator is provided. Each child must come with a sack lunch, drinks, and snacks for the day. Label all food and drinks with your child's name. If your child's birthday falls during their camp session, please let us know if you would like to provide a cake, and/or small party.
3. If your child is used to a snack during the day, please send one. Energy bars make an excellent choice.
4. Your child should wear long pants in the morning but can bring a change of clothes to change into after riding. Riding boots/shoes with a heel are preferred but sneakers/tennis shoes are an acceptable alternative.
5. We sell equestrian helmets (\$40 and up), or we can advise you as to the type needed or where to buy one. **Helmets are required for riding safety.** If you provide your own helmet label it with your child's name in permanent marker.
6. There is a water cooler and a soft drink machine on the farm.
7. You may want to send mosquito repellent spray with your child depending on the season. The mosquitoes and horse flies at certain times can be annoying. Avon's Skin So Soft is an excellent choice also.
8. The Interns are being taught some rules, not only for camp but to live by. The first of which is, "There's no such thing as I can't". We encourage you to talk to your child about the day and what they have learned. Then pass on any feedback you receive to help us improve our programs.
9. Each day the Interns will be involved in a discussion relating to the horse world. It may be about equipment, horse care or various styles of riding. Please listen when they explain what they have learned, this will encourage them to keep learning.
10. The success of this program lies with us all. We try to teach by example and from experience. We need your feedback. If you have any questions, please ask. Any suggestions you have, please pass them on. We have been working with Interns and horses for many years and we have a lot of experience, but don't have all of the answers. Together, we can make a difference.
11. Label all personal belongings.
12. If the staff needs to be aware of any special considerations, allergies etc. please remember to give us that information (in writing). Include any medications your child takes, for example allergy medications. All medications should be checked in with one of the staff members when you arrive. If your child uses an inhaler let the staff know that they will be keeping the inhaler with them. Likewise Benadryl if they have allergic reactions.

*I have read and understand the information on this page.*

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Junior Horseman/Intern Signature

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Date

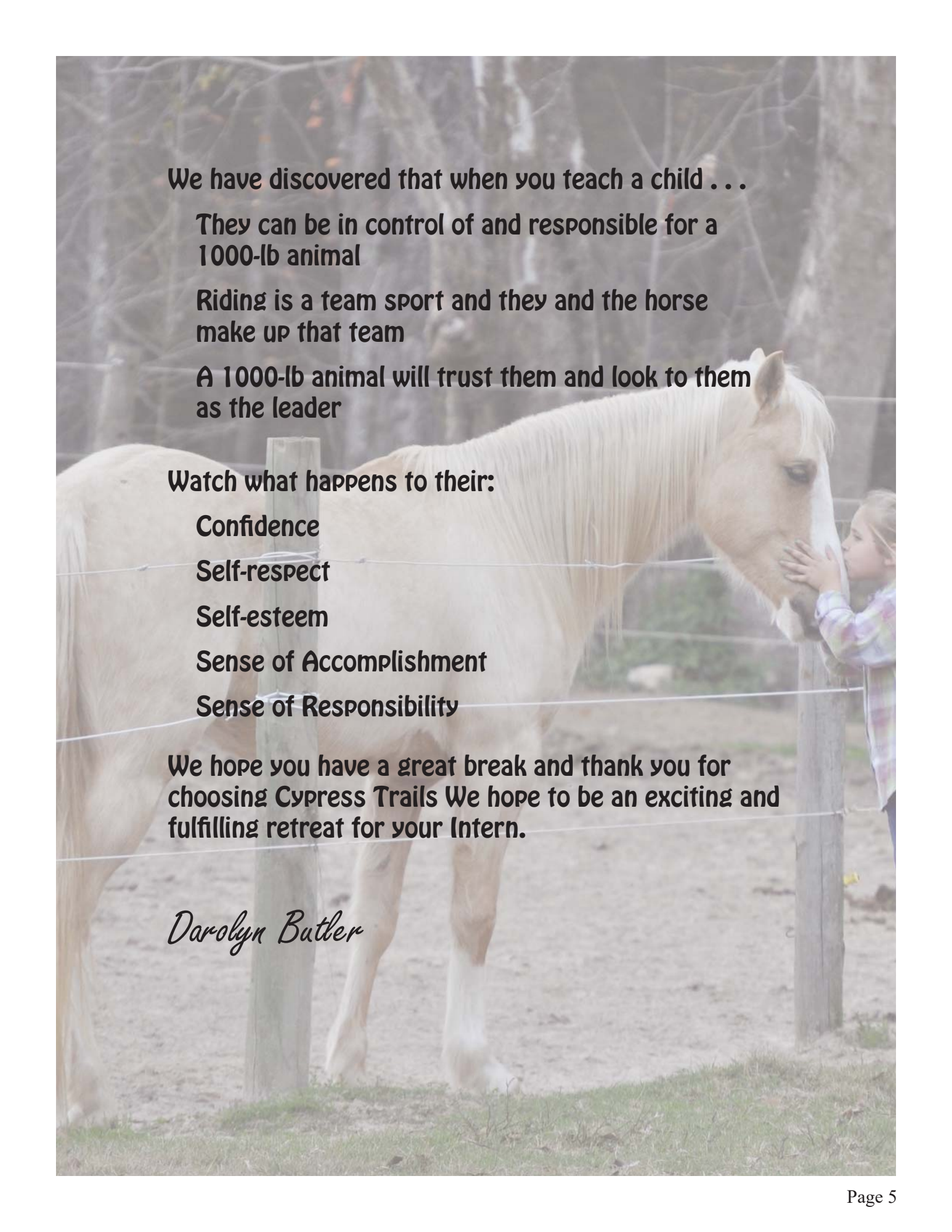


**Thank you for choosing Cypress Trails.** Please help us ensure that everyone has a fun and safe camp experience by following a few simple rules, which are explained below.

- Please complete and sign waivers included in this document.
- Complete the Special Considerations and Contact Information page which lists your child's allergies, and any medical treatments they are currently undergoing.
- Provide a copy of your child's insurance card and complete the Special Considerations and Contact Information . We need written permission to have your child treated medically in case of accident, this permission is granted in the Limited Medical Power of Attorney in this document. The staff at Cypress Trails requires your proxy so your child can be treated.
- Have your Intern bring an extra set of clothing (in their backpack). Interns should ride in long pants or jeans, A good sturdy pair of shoes/boots with a heel is preferred but tennis shoes/sneakers are an acceptable alternative. We prefer shoes with heels because shoes without heels may slip in the stirrups of the saddle. No open-toed shoes allowed. No inappropriate clothing is permitted, including T-shirts with sexual innuendos or foul language. On the first day of camp or at registration, each Intern will be given two bandanas. When the Intern is at camp these bandanas should be worn around their neck, tied on their jeans, or secured on a part of their body for easy identification.
- Swearing and insubordination to any of the instructors, wranglers, staff or management is not allowed and the Intern may be sent home for these infractions. No rude or racial remarks will be tolerated. No physical violence at any time is permitted. Any abuse or rough treatment of any animal (regardless of the species) on the premises is grounds for immediate dismissal.
- Use of cell phones is discouraged. Upon arrival phones are to be stored in Intern's backpack, unless they are absolutely needed to talk with parents. The wranglers and staff carry phones at all times. We want the Interns to pay attention while working and playing at the ranch, not texting or talking to friends on the phone. Please call only when necessary, and ask your Interns to do the same.
- Interns who wear glasses should have eyeglass keepers on their glasses to prevent loss, as it is easy for eyewear to come off when riding a horse. Contacts lens wearers should keep saline or eye wash in their backpacks.
- No use of illegal drugs is permitted. Interns MAY NOT smoke, dip snuff or chew tobacco.
- We allow the Interns to feed the horses snacks. Acceptable horse snacks include carrots, apples, and cereals. Bringing horse snacks is elective and in no way required.
- Please indicate all persons who are authorized to pick up your child from camp on the Special Considerations and Contact Information page. List the people permitted to pick up your child and their phone number, address, and relationship to the child.
- Interns are not allowed to leave the main ranch area without adult supervision. Please let us know when you pick up your child and make sure that you sign them out for the day.



While the Interns are learning, they develop friendships that will last a lifetime. People from all walks of life, from all over the greater Houston area can work, learn, and play together on a level playing field. They spend time being new horse people, all the while experiencing some of life's most important lessons.

A light-colored horse, possibly a palomino or cream, stands in a fenced area. A young child is petting the horse's face. The background shows trees and a fence.

**We have discovered that when you teach a child . . .**

**They can be in control of and responsible for a  
1000-lb animal**

**Riding is a team sport and they and the horse  
make up that team**

**A 1000-lb animal will trust them and look to them  
as the leader**

**Watch what happens to their:**

**Confidence**

**Self-respect**

**Self-esteem**

**Sense of Accomplishment**

**Sense of Responsibility**

**We hope you have a great break and thank you for  
choosing Cypress Trails We hope to be an exciting and  
fulfilling retreat for your Intern.**

*Darolyn Butler*

# Welcome to Cypress Trails Intern/Day Camp Holiday Break 2017!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever ridden a horse? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been riding? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you own a horse? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite kind of horse? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your riding goals? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us something else about yourself and anything you feel we should know about you (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Intern's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

### PHONE NUMBERS:

**Mother:** HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ /Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:** HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ /Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ /Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEDICAL INFORMATION:

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Physician:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Contact #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please list below the people that will be ALLOWED to pick up the above Intern from Cypress Trails Equestrian Center.**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Intern: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Intern: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Intern: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017  
MONTH DAY

## LIMITED MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

To Whom It May Concern: Re: \_\_\_\_\_, a *Minor Child*

By signature below, I authorize Darolyn Butler, and/or Darolyn Butler doing business as Cypress Trails Equestrian Center, to seek and procure any and all medical attention for my minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, which may be deemed necessary by Ms. Butler or her authorized representatives during my child's visits or stays at Cypress Trails, and/or while traveling with Ms. Butler to equine competitions in or out of the State of Texas.

Furthermore, I authorize any medical facility and/or medical care provider, emergency or otherwise, to treat named minor in accordance with these instructions. Parent or guardian agrees to bear any cost connected therewith and shall pay promptly upon billing by the healthcare provider. Management shall incur no financial liability for medical treatment obtained pursuant to this authorization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Minor's Name** (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian Signature** (Print Name)

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Relative's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address where child resides:**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, INDEMNIFICATION  
AND ARBITRATION AGREEMENT as it pertains to CYPRESS TRAILS EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

PARTICIPANT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE-BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU MAY BE WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS: INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

In consideration of being allowed to use the facilities and participate in programs and events (“Programs”) at CYPRESS TRAILS EQUESTRIAN CENTER AKA “(HOST)”, the participant’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the Participant is a minor do hereby agree, to the fullest extent permitted by law, as follows:

1) **TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS** that they have or may have against the Host arising out of the Participant’s participation in the Programs or the use of any equipment provided by CYPRESS TRAILS EQUESTRIAN CENTER. As used herein, the term “Equipment” shall include equine animals. The Participant and his/her Parents or legal guardian(s) specifically understand that they are releasing any and all claims that arise or may arise from any negligent acts or conduct of the CYPRESS TRAILS EQUESTRIAN CENTER, its owners, affiliates, operators, employees, agents, and officers, to the fullest extent permitted by law. However, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a release for conduct that is found to constitute gross negligence or intentional conduct.

2) **TO ASSUME ALL RISKS** of participating in the Programs and using the Equipment, even those caused by the negligent acts or conduct of the Host, its owners, affiliates, operators, employees, agents, and officers. The Participant and his/her Parents or legal guardian(s) understand that there are inherent risks of participating in the Programs and using the Equipment, which may be both foreseen and include serious physical injury and death.

3) **TO RELEASE** the host, its owners, affiliates, operators, employees, agents, and officers from all liability for any loss, injury, death, or expense that the Participant (or his/her next of kin) may suffer, arising out of his/her participation in the Programs and use of the Equipment, including while receiving instruction and or training.

4) **TO INDEMNIFY** the host, its owners, affiliates, operators, employees, agents, and officers from all liability for any loss, injury, death, or expense that the Participant (or his/her next of kin) may suffer, arising out of his/her participation in the Programs and use of the Equipment.

**Arbitration**

The Participant, and the Participants parent (s) or legal guardian (s), if Participant is a minor, hereby agrees to submit any dispute arising from participation in the Programs to binding arbitration. Submissions shall be unlimited. For such disputes, there shall be a three-member arbitration panel, consisting of two party-appointed arbitrators (one arbitrator to be appointed by each party) and one neutral arbitrator (collectively, the “panel”), to be chosen by the party-appointed arbitrators. The neutral arbitrator shall be an officer or director of any entity that operates a similar Equestrian Center in the United States. In the event that the two party-appointed arbitrators are not able to agree on a third, neutral arbitrator, the neutral arbitrator, shall be appointed by the United States District Court, for the district of Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, utilizing the selection criteria for the neutral as set forth above. Each party shall pay its own costs, including the costs associated with the party-appointed arbitrators, and the party shall share equally the costs associated with the neutral arbitrator. The arbitration proceeding shall proceed in the county and state in which the Programs occurred and shall be governed by the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Panel shall establish a reasonable and appropriate discovery schedule to expeditiously resolve this matter. As a threshold matter, the Panel shall confirm whether the Waiver and Release contained in this Agreement are enforceable under applicable law.



**Photography/Videography Release**

Participant hereby grants to the Host, its representatives, and employees the right to take photographs and video of Participant in connection with Participants participation in the Programs. Participant hereby authorizes the Host to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically. Participant hereby agrees that the Host may use such photographs and video of Participant for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

**Company Mailing List Release**

Participant hereby agrees to subscribe to the company email list. Participant may unsubscribe at any time.

**Equine Warning**

**UNDER TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 87, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE), A FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITES.**

**Personal Responsibility**

The Participant certifies that he/she has no physical or mental condition that precludes him/her from participation in the Programs and that she/he is not participating against medical advice.

Use of helmets is required while participating in any of the Programs.

The Participant understands that his/her participation in the Programs is voluntary and further understand that he/she has the opportunity to inspect the Hosts equipment and location before any participation.

The Participant understands that he/she is obligated to follow the rules of the Programs and that he/she can minimize his/her risk of injury by doing so and through the exercise of common sense and by being aware of his/her surroundings.

If, while participating in the Programs, the Participant observes any unusual hazard, which he/she believes jeopardizes his/her personal safety or that of others, he/she will remove himself/herself from participation in the Programs and immediately bring said hazard to the attention of the Host.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/legal guardian), hereby agree that I will explain to my child that the risk of injury while participating in the Programs can be reduced by following the rules and through the use of common sense and good judgment.

To the extent that any portion of this Agreement is deemed to be invalid under the law of the applicable jurisdiction, the remaining portions of the Agreement shall remain binding and available for use by the Host and its council in any proceeding.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I MAY BE WAIVING CERTAIN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.**

Parents or Guardians must also sign if the Participant is **UNDER 18.**

**If you reside at the same address you may sign the same Waiver.**

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

1. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_