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## Reading With Horses Book Club Informational Sheet

We are excited to offer Reading with Horses! This new Book Club will allow students to enjoy reading while having discussions with peers and play fun activities with the horses. Please complete the following information so that we can pair the best books for your child. Our club will meet once a week for four weeks. You may sign up from month to month!

Student Name:

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Interests or Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite book genres:

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Least favorite book genres:

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Would you be willing to read some at home?

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Suggested book titles you would be interested in reading?

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Book Themes you would like? \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Goals while in the club (i.e. speaking with a group, building confidence, finding connection with horses and peers, enjoy reading, etc.)

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Other Comments:

#### PHOTO RELEASE

I  DO  DO NOT

hereby consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by Ride With Pride, Inc. of any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my son/my daughter/my ward for promotional printed material, social media, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client, Parent or Guardian

## **RIDE WITH PRIDE: Rules and Restrictions**

- 1- Remember, common sense, consideration, and respect for others always applies!
- 2- **2- NO SMOKING AROUND OR IN THE BARN – ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR FOR THE DESIGNATED AREA.**
- 3- **3- Student riding weight limit- 230lbs - *this is to ensure volunteer, student, and horse safety. Any participant exceeding this limit can still participate in horsemanship ground lessons.***
- 4- All forms must be completed before rider can participate in the program.
- 5- Please refrain from bringing any pets to the barn if at all possible. Service dogs are welcome.
- 6- Please call or text 12 hours or more ahead of time if you are unable to attend. Contact the Director at **540-255-2210** or [info@ridewithprideva.org](mailto:info@ridewithprideva.org). Any unreported absences may not qualify for a make-up lesson.
- 7- **\*\*\* INCLEMENT WEATHER \*\*\*** If Ride With Pride has to cancel lessons due to inclement weather, the lesson will be made up during a designated makeup week scheduled by the instructor and Director. If inclement weather is expected, the director or instructor will call rider to cancel lessons.
- 8- **2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES** (no show, no phone call) will remove you from the session with no refund.
- 9- The rider's Parent/Guardian/Counselor/Mentor must stay on premise while the rider is participating in their lesson/event.
- 10- Students are required to wear an approved hard helmet while riding their horses. Ride With Pride provides helmets for students at the barn.
- 11- Individuals with known allergic reactions to bees:
  - a. Parent/guardian/caretaker must always remain in line-sight of the rider.
  - b. Parent/guardian is medically and legally responsible for that client.
  - c. The parent/guardian must maintain at all times a fully functioning EpiPen or equivalent and have the knowledge and instruction from theirs or the client's physician in the use of the medical device.
  - d. Parent/guardian will not hold the instructors, employees, volunteers, or program officers responsible for any incidents resulting in injury or death of the client.
- 12- If anyone is physically abusive (punching, slapping, pinching, biting, or spitting) towards the animals (horses, dogs, cats, etc.) or humans while at Ride With Pride/Cedar Creek Stables, they will be asked to leave the program until an incident review meeting is set up with the Program Director and a representative of the Ride With Pride Board.
- 13- Riders and guests are only allowed at the Stables when a Ride With Pride Instructor is on the premises- Unless special arrangements are made with the program director or stable manager.
- 14- No Running, yelling, or throwing things while in the barn.
- 15- Children must be supervised at all times. Parents/guardians are responsible for making sure that children do not roam around the property unattended. All children and parents must remain on benches near riding arena, in the classroom, at the picnic table, in their cars, or on the trails (only if lesson goes on a trail ride) at all times. Parents and visitors should not be in the barn aisleway during grooming and tacking. **Please ask your instructor where you**

**can stand to watch.**

- 16- While riding – participants must wear tennis shoes or boots with heels- unless arrangements have been made with the Instructor. NO open-toed shoes are allowed on or around the horses. Riders must wear suitable clothing to ride in; long pants are required/no shorts while riding.
- 17- Pick up your personal items and any equipment that you've used. Don't leave items lying in the aisleways or work areas; put it away where it belongs.
- 18- Use *only* Ride With Pride equipment in Ride With Pride Tack Room
- 19- Only go into pastures if you have been instructed to by a RWP Instructor.
- 20- Only get a horse out of their stall if instructed to by a RWP Instructor and with a volunteer present.
- 21- Only feed treats to RWP Horses, and only in their feed buckets when told by the instructor.
- 22- Please remember to drive slowly down the driveway- we have dogs, cats, horses and kids roaming the property – **5 MILES PER HOUR PLEASE.**
- 23- REMEMBER – RWP teaches HORSEMANSHIP – which means that at least 10 minutes of the lesson will be spent grooming and connecting with their horses and 30 to 40 minutes will be actual riding time.
- 24- Remember that Cedar Creek Stables is not owned by Ride With Pride. Please stay in Ride With Pride's designated areas and be respectful of Cedar Creek property and employees.
- 25- Report all accidents, injuries, or hazardous conditions to RWP staff members as soon as possible.

**Acknowledgement of Rules:**

Name (rider): \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledges receipt and understanding of the current Ride With Pride Program Rules and Restrictions.

RIDER agrees he/she and his/her guests and invitees will be bound and abide by these Rules and accepts responsibility for the conduct of his/her guests and invitees according to these Rules. Ride With Pride may revise these Rules from time to time and RIDER agrees any revision shall have the same force and effect as current Rules. Failure, as determined in Ride With Pride's sole discretion, of RIDER or RIDER's guests and invitees to abide by Ride With Pride's Rules may result in Ride With Pride declaring RIDER in default hereunder and result in termination of this agreement.

**I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Rules of Ride With Pride and Cedar Creek Stables**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of Guardian if rider is under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Ride With Pride: Carolyn Meyer

*A copy of this agreement will be provided to the rider upon request. The original agreement will be kept on file by Ride With Pride. This agreement is valid one year from Date of Signature.*



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## **New Rules for 2023**

Due to COVID-19 Ride With Pride will be operating on limited and restricting scale. Please read the following guidelines below and initial each one to indicate that you have read and agree to the new rules we will be implementing at this time. These rules will be set in place until further notice, but we hope to go back to our normal lesson routine soon!

\_\_\_\_\_ All instructors and volunteers will be asked to wear a mask during lessons and while handling and cleaning equipment before and after lessons. Students are encouraged to also wear masks but do not have to wear them.

\_\_\_\_\_ To reduce traffic in the barn only students, volunteers (during their scheduled lesson time), and riders (during their scheduled lesson time) are allowed in the barn. Parents must wait in their cars, at the picnic table outside, or sit in the indoor while students are getting their horses ready during the lessons. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ Due to the nature of our program, there will be times that volunteers and/or instructors must physically assist a student while mounting, dismounting, or riding for their own safety and learning. We will not always be able to keep a 6 Foot distance and may often have to assist. If you feel uncomfortable with this, please wait to sign up at a later date.

\_\_\_\_\_ All students must wait in their car before their lesson until a volunteer or instructor comes to get them. Students will be grooming and tacking their own horses before their lessons and cleaning them off after their lessons. Parents may enter the indoor arena or designated area while students assist getting their horses ready. We are excited to rejoin this part of our program after a long two years without it!

\_\_\_\_\_ Although Ride with Pride is doing everything, they can keep the barn and lessons a safe and clean environment, you are coming into a public area where we will have participants, volunteers, and workers entering the barn daily. You understand that by participating in these sessions there may be a greater risk to contracting COVID-19 by coming to a public area and acknowledge this risk by attending lessons.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you or someone you have been in contact with begins showing any illness signs related or not related to COVID-19 you will notify us immediately and skip your lessons until the symptoms resolve or a negative COVID-19 test result is given. (One missed lesson will be made up during make up week. More than one missed lesson due to illness with a doctor's note may also be made up at the Directors discretion.)

\_\_\_\_\_ If you or someone you have been in contact with is diagnosed with COVID-19 you will notify us immediately so that we may take the necessary precautions for our staff and clients.

**I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Rules of Ride with Pride and Cedar Creek Stables**

Rider/ Volunteer Name Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_