

# C R A N - H I L L R A N C H

## RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT - READ BEFORE SIGNING

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

### EQUINE RELATED ACTIVITIES

In consideration of being permitted to participate **among and on horses** on the premises of or under the auspices of Cran-Hill Ranch, **on my behalf and/or on the behalf of the participant named above** (we will collectively call ourselves "I" in this release), **acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that engaging in equine activities involves the possibility of inherent risks including, but not limited to, the following:**

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways (such as, but not limited to, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, and make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, saddles or bridles may loosen or break) all of which may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, persons, other animals, or unfamiliar objects;
- Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

**Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.**

#### Saddle Girth Natural Loosening

I understand that saddle girths may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this, he/she must alert the nearest guide or wrangler as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.

#### Risks to Unborn Children

Because of the inherent risks of riding horses to the safety of unborn children, Cran-Hill Ranch advises pregnant women not to ride horses.

Horse Riding Experience (not being led):  0 to 5 hours riding  5 to 10 hours riding  Over 10 hours riding

**I hereby give consent for the above mentioned participant to engage in equine activities:**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor (if under age 18) or Participant (if over age 18)

### ADVENTURE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

I understand that while participating in High Adventure programs at Cran-Hill Ranch I may be exposed to psychologically and physically stressful and challenging situations.

I also understand that although Cran-Hill has taken precautions to provide proper organization, supervision, instruction, and equipment for each activity, that absolute safety is impossible to guarantee. I understand that this is largely due to the fact that I share in the responsibility for my own safety. I accept this responsibility. Knowing that an accident could cause serious injury or death, I waive any claim that may arise against Cran-Hill and/or its employees as a result of my participation in the program.

**I hereby give consent for the above mentioned participant to engage in Adventure activities:**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor (if under age 18) or Participant (if over age 18)

**I knowingly and freely assume all such risks**, both known and unknown; even if arising from the ordinary negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,

**I will comply with all rules and regulations.** If I have any question, or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and,

I certify that I do not suffer from any infirmities or illnesses which would affect my ability to participate in the above described activities; and,

With full knowledge of the above and any other inherent risks which may be associated with the above activities, I hereby consent to participate in the above described activities, and **I agree to release, discharge, promise not to sue and waive any and all claims for personal injury, disability, death, or property damage of any kind** which my children, I or my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin may have or which may arise against Cran-Hill Ranch as a result of my participation in such activities, whether or not such injuries or damages result from negligence or legal liability, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Except in the event of gross and willful negligence, on behalf of my children herein listed, myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and next of kin, I hereby release and discharge Cran-Hill Ranch, its successors, assigns, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, lawsuits, losses, costs, causes of action and damages of any kind originating or in any way arising from my participation in such activities.

**I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant/Client/Volunteer

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor (under age 18)