

Contract for Young Riders and Parents

In an effort to create a learning environment for your child that is safe and fun, the policies listed below have been put in place. Please sign and date this contract to acknowledge that you have read them and understand them.

1. Upon arrival, all children under 18 must check in with a trainer, and check out before departure.
2. **Children ages 10 and under, riding outside of a lesson, must have a parent on site while at the barn. They must always be supervised and not left alone.**
3. Children ages 11-14, riding outside of a lesson, shall be supervised by their parent, unless the parent makes arrangements, at least 24 hours in advance, with Cornerstone Farm staff or another adult for supervision of their child. Barn hands are not suitable supervision and may not hold the responsibility for supervising children.
4. All children 14 to 17 may be at the farm unsupervised. There must be, however, an adult ***in sight*** while they are riding. If the adult refuses this responsibility or must leave the area, the child must find another adult to remain in the area. Barn hands are not suitable supervision and may not hold the responsibility for supervising children. If there are two or more children ages 14-17, they may ride together and use the buddy system should a problem arise. Otherwise, the child must stop riding.
5. If the parent wishes to leave the child at the farm for a period longer than tacking, riding/taking a lesson and un-tacking, arrangements must be made at least 24 hours in advance with Cornerstone Farm staff or another adult. Whenever possible, Cornerstone Farm will accommodate you. Kids may stay and be “helpers” and assist the staff with small tasks at the farm until you return but must always be ***in sight*** of an adult.
6. Before a rider under 18 leaves the premises, they must properly clean and store all of the equipment they used, clean the areas they used and ***then*** check out with the trainer.
7. Please be aware that our rules are designed to provide a safe environment for your child. At all times, children must be respectful and follow any directions given to them by a trainer, instructor or staff member of Cornerstone Farm and Cornerstone Equestrian Center.

In addition to the Young Rider Contract, the Barn Rules must be followed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Barn Rules

1. Helmets must always be worn when riding, anyone, any age.
2. No small children or family/friends sitting on horses/ponies. Arrangements can be made to set up a riding time for the child/family member/friend, with the proper release forms signed and proper riding attire.
3. Helmets are a must when going into pastures to get horses for students under the age of 14.
4. **Children 11 and under must always wear helmets around the horses.**

5. **No small children, strollers or family members in the alleyway of the barn. Observers must stay in the front of the barn by the chairs to watch their riders get ready. Small children visiting must be with their parents or guardian and safely away from any danger. Use caution with small children around horses.**
6. Children must be supervised and are not permitted to roam around to play alone.
7. Parents bringing sisters/brothers/friends are responsible for supervising those children while your child is riding, keeping them safe from cars, horses, tractors, etc.
8. All riders must have a signed release form *before* riding or handling horses.
9. Do not enter any stall, run, pasture or paddock without permission. Use caution when passing horses with their heads out. Not all horses are friendly and most become very excited and may bite near feeding time and turn-out time. Do not feed any of the horses without permission.

We hope you enjoy your time here at the Cornerstone Equestrian Center. Please be respectful of the grounds and barns, we try hard to provide a beautiful facility with excellent care for your horses and your safety.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Parent signature _____ Date _____

Child signature _____ Date _____