

Rules & Regulations 2023

[New Riders]

Under 18 Years [Children's Program]



We want to thank you for your interest in having your child or children join the Majestic Hills Ranch family. We are confident that all participants will find this to be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Before entering the program, several forms need to be completed.

- ❑ **Application & Health History.** Many times, we need to provide success and human-interest stories with pictures of our participants for advertising, grants, websites, etc. By signing the photo release on the application form, you will give us permission to use your child's photo or video. Additionally, our funders require us to provide statistics on our success, so please complete the entire form. (2 places for parent/guardian signature.)
- ❑ **Liability Release Form, Confidentiality, & Payment Agreement.** (3 – 4 places for parent/guardian signature.) This needs to be signed yearly!
- ❑ **Riding Schedule Request.** Please put down your first, second, and third choice for class time.
- ❑ **Emergency Medical Treatment Form.** This needs to be filled out and then updated yearly. (1 place for parent/guardian signature.)
- ❑ **Rider Information Form (new riders only).** This needs to be filled out for all new riders. Riders already participating in the program can use ones that have been filled out in previous years unless updates need to be made. (1 place for parent/guardian signature.)
- ❑ **Medical History / Physician Release.** We need to have a current medical history on file before allowing your child to participate in our program. Certain diagnoses will need this signed yearly; otherwise, MHR will need one every other year. *MHR will need a new form signed by your pediatrician after any major medical surgery or illness. [This needs to be signed by a physician or nurse practitioner.]*
- ❑ **Specialty Forms:** These forms need to be filled out only if they are applicable to your child. They are *not* sent with this packet but can be downloaded from our website. www.MajesticHillsRanch.org
 - **Down Syndrome Atlantoaxial Instability.** This needs to be filled out and signed by your physician every year before the program begins.
 - **Seizure Form.** For those riders who do experience seizures, filling this form out will help us know potential triggers and behaviors.
 - **Release of Information (if desired).** This is so we may speak to physicians, therapists, or school assistants so that we can try to adapt your child's riding to programs already in place.

To ensure your child and family enjoy the safest experience, we request the following:

1. PATH, Intl has changed the age for young riders, and they **no longer** recommend children younger than 4 years old be a participant in equestrian activities. Because of this, the range of our children's program is: 4 years to under 18 years of age. **We consider riders to be under 18 if their birthday is after November 1, 2006.** Over 18 years will fall into our Adult Equine-Assisted Services classes.
2. Due to horse availability, MHR has implemented a weight restriction of 160 pounds on riders for the Children's Program. We still have limited horses for our larger riders, so that may also impact class times available. All application forms need to have current weight filled out, or we will have a scale available at the ranch to weigh the rider.
3. Children riding must always wear closed-toed shoes when at the Ranch - riding boots are preferred, and rubber shoes (Crocs) or hiking boots with large treads are **not** allowed. Anyone wearing sandals will not be allowed to ride. Long pants are preferred, but shorts are acceptable in hot weather. Dresses or long, flowing garments are not permitted for safety reasons. Please dress your children appropriately for the weather conditions; if they are cold, riding might not be optimally effective.

It is always windy at the ranch, so it is best to bring layers to wear in case the weather is cooler. We also require that anything around your child's neck be "breakaway" in case of emergencies. [No medals, large necklaces, or chewing/sensory toys unless attached properly.]

- 4. If possible, call or text Kris at 952-426-5688 or your instructor before your scheduled riding class if you are unable to keep his or her appointment. We are able to have make-up classes for ONLY those classes that the Ranch has to cancel.

If the weather is questionable, we will make every effort to contact you prior to your session, but please be aware that it is extremely difficult to try to reach all of the parents prior to the start of each session in order to notify them of current weather conditions at the Ranch. **Weather updates will be left on Kris' cell phone voicemail. If the weather is questionable in your area, please call the voicemail for an update before you head out. 952-426-5688**

- 5. All riders must wear helmets rated by the ASTM-SEI for **Horseback Riding** (Code F1163 Equestrian) and the label must be present, and the helmet needs to be less than 5 years of age. MHR will provide helmets if the riders do not have their own.
- 6. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Return **all** your forms as soon as possible to ensure your child's place in the program. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for times on the attached **Riding Schedule Request** and return it with your registration materials. Every effort will be made to accommodate your schedule request.
- 4. Registration fee for 2024 is as follows:

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| Equine Assisted Services (Therapeutic Riding) Class | 1 x / week | \$455 for seven-week session |
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Each session will be billed out and will need to be paid **BEFORE** each riding session. The due dates for each session are April 19th, June 14th, and August 16th

Each seven-week session will have up to two weeks in between each so that we will be able to schedule make-up days for classes that the Ranch needs to cancel due to the heat, cold, rain, or wind. We are not able to offer make-up classes for individuals who miss a class. (If there is an opening on another day, we may be able to switch days temporarily – but there is no guarantee.) If the Ranch has to cancel more than 3 weeks of classes or if we cannot have a make-up class for some reason, the amount of that class will be reimbursed. We will NOT be able to reimburse individual classes that are missed or if a rider drops out of a session. If you have questions, please call Kris at 952-426-5688.

- 8. When your registration materials are complete, please mail, fax, or email to:

Kris Zieska, Majestic Hills Ranch
7850 Metro Parkway, Suite 100
Bloomington, MN 55425

Fax: **952-595-5193**

Email: KZieska@MajesticHillsRanch.com

Phone: **952-426-5688**

APPLICATION & HEALTH HISTORY



Majestic Hills Ranch
7850 Metro Pkwy, Suite 100
Bloomington, MN 55425
Fax: 952-595-5193

GENERAL INFORMATION

***Participant:** _____ Gender ID: _____

DOB: _____ Race: _____ **Height:** _____ **Weight:** _____
(Used only for Grants)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. #: _____

***Email:** _____

Employer/School: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Caregivers: _____ Phone: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

HEALTH HISTORY (filled out by primary caregiver of the participant.)

Diagnosis: _____ Date of Onset: _____

***Please indicate current or past special needs in the following areas:**

| | Yes | No | Comments |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----------------|
| Vision | | | |
| Hearing | | | |
| Sensation | | | |
| Communication | | | |
| Heart | | | |
| Breathing | | | |
| Digestion | | | |
| Elimination | | | |
| Circulation | | | |
| Emotional/Mental Health | | | |
| Behavioral | | | |
| Pain | | | |
| Bone/Joint | | | |
| Muscular | | | |
| Thinking/Cognition | | | |
| Allergies | | | EpiPen? Yes No |

MEDICATIONS (include prescription and over the counter) _____

Describe your child's abilities/difficulties in the following areas (include assistance or equipment needed):

PHYSICAL FUNCTION (e.g., mobility skills such as transfers, walking, wheelchair use, driving/bus riding)

PSYCHO / SOCIAL FUNCTION (e.g., work/school including grade completed, leisure interests, relationships - family structure, support systems, companion animals, fears/concerns, etc.)

GOALS (i.e., why are you applying for participation? What would you like to accomplish?)

Signature: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

Date: _____

Photo / Video Release

I consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by Majestic Hills Ranch of any and all photographs, video, and any other audio/visual materials taken of me for promotional material, educational activities, and exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

I do NOT consent or authorize use of my likeness by MHR.

Signature: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

Date: _____

Photos that are taken at the ranch that show students who are not your child or volunteers whom you have not asked permission from should not be posted to social media. Please respect the privacy of others before posting!

PARTICIPANT LIABILITY RELEASE FORM / CONFIDENTIALITY & PAYMENT AGREEMENTS



PREMISES OWNER'S NAME IS MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH FOUNDATION hereinafter known as MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH with a PHYSICAL LOCATION / ADDRESS of: 24580 DAKOTA AVENUE, LAKEVILLE, MN 55044; SCOTT COUNTY, MN.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF YOU, YOUR CHILD, OR THAT OF ANY GUEST. IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- A. REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE: I, the following individual hereinafter known as the "RIDER", and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in equine assisted services on premises of MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH.
- B. AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS: This agreement shall be legally binding upon me the registered RIDER, and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of Scott County, Minnesota. Any disputes by the RIDER shall be litigated in and venue shall be Scott County, Minnesota.

The term "HORSE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" or "RIDING" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horses, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The term "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse on the ground. The terms "I", "me", "my" shall herein refer to the above registered rider and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, and any guests that are brought onto the property.

- C. ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION: Horseback riding is classified as a RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. Related injuries can be severe, requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.
- D. NATURE OF RIDING HORSES: No horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from a horse to ground it will generally be at a distance of from 3½ to 5½ feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will; shifting its weight; bucking; rearing; kicking; biting; or running from danger.
- E. CONDITIONS OF NATURE: MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape.
- F. LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH allowing my participation in this activity, under the terms set forth herein, I, the RIDER, and the parent or guardian thereof if a minor, do agree to hold harmless and release MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH, its owners, agents, employees, officers, members, premises owners, insurers, and affiliated organizations from legal liability due to MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH ordinary negligence; and I do further agree *that except in the event of gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct*, I shall not bring any claims, demand, legal actions and causes of action,

against MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH and/or its associates for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, or property damage sustained by me and/or my minor child / legal ward or guests that accompany us in relation to the premises and operations of MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of MAJESTIC HILLS RANCH

All Riders and Parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document:

SIGNED STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I/WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING TO THE APPLICANT ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

PRINT RIDER'S NAME

Signature (1): _____ Date: _____
Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature (2*): _____ Date: _____
Additional Parent or Legal Guardian

* For riders that live in 2 households, we ask that the parent / legal guardian of each home sign the liability form. *Thank you kindly!*

Confidentiality Agreement

Majestic Hills Ranch shall maintain the right to privacy and the right of confidentiality of all individuals (participants, volunteers, and staff) involved in its programs and services. Participants, instructors, volunteers, and staff given access to any information on any individual participating in any program or service at Majestic Hills Ranch agree to keep all medical, personal, social, or other information strictly confidential. Any person violating the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement may be immediately reassigned or terminated from participation in the program.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Confidentiality Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent or Legal Guardian

Payment Agreement

I understand that I am responsible for all charges for the services provided by Majestic Hills Ranch. MHR will only bill directly to the family; it is up to me to submit for reimbursement from a third party if my child is eligible for a waiver or funds. I will pay all fees up to and including collection, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees if necessary.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Payment Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent or Legal Guardian



2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Dates of sessions
(Depending on weather)

Class times –
(4 to 5 riders per class)

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| Winter Session (Session 1) January 30 th – March 7 th March 12 th & 14 th are Make-Up Days | Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm |
| Spring Session (Session 2) April 29 th – June 13 th June 17 th – 27 th Make-Up Weeks | Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday at 4 pm Monday & Tuesday at 5:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday at 7 pm Wednesday 5:30 pm & 7 pm [Advanced only] |
| Summer Session (Session 3) July 1 st – August 15 th Aug. 19 th – 29 th Make-Up Weeks | Monday at 9 am & 10:30 am and Wednesday at 10:30 am Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday at 4 pm Monday & Tuesday at 5:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday at 7 pm Wednesday 5:30 pm & 7 pm [Advanced only] |
| Fall Session (Session 4) September 3 rd – October 17 th Oct 21 st – Nov. 7 th Make-Up Weeks | Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday at 4 pm Monday & Tuesday at 5:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday at 7 pm Wednesday 5:30 pm & 7 pm [Advanced only] |

Note: The Ranch will be closed

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| <i>Memorial Day (Mon., May 27th)</i> | <i>Make-Up date: June 17th</i> |
| <i>Independence Day (Thurs., July 4th)</i> | <i>Make-Up date: Aug. 22nd</i> |
| <i>Labor Day (Mon., Sept. 2nd)</i> | <i>Make-Up date: Oct. 21st</i> |
| <i>Halloween (if needed) (Thurs., Oct. 31st)</i> | <i>Make-Up date: Nov. 7th</i> |

2024 Riding Schedule Request

Every rider will have an experienced leader and up to two sidewalkers. The leader and sidewalkers will be your team as consistently as scheduling allows for you to develop a relationship.

Please mark your first, second, and third choices for session times:

| TIMES | MONDAY | | | TUESDAY | | | | WEDNESDAY | | | THURSDAY | | | |
|----------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Session 2 Spring | Session 3 Summer | Session 4 Fall | Session 1 Winter | Session 2 Spring | Session 3 Summer | Session 4 Fall | Session 2 Spring | Session 3 Summer | Session 4 Fall | Session 1 Winter | Session 2 Spring | Session 3 Summer | Session 4 Fall |
| 9:00 am | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:30 am | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4:00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5:30 pm | | | | | | | | * | * | * | | | | |
| 7:00 pm | | | | | | | | * | * | * | | | | |

* Please note that the 5:30 and 7:00 pm classes on Wednesdays all season are for our **advanced riders**. An evaluation by one of our instructors will be needed before you are assigned to this class. (Riders must be able to start, stop, turn the horse, and control them in case of an emergency - independent of a leader.) *This is NOT age-restricted but could be for any age.*

Please note that **summer morning classes** are held on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** in 2024.

Emergency Medical Treatment Form



Participant **Staff** **Volunteer**

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Physician's Name: _____

Preferred Medical Facility: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____

Allergies: _____

Allergies to medications: _____

Current medications: _____

In the event of an emergency, contact:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

Consent Plan

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 Majestic Hills Ranch to:

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

This authorization includes x-rays, surgery, hospitalization, medication, and any treatment procedure deemed "lifesaving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the person(s) above is unable to be reached.

Consent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer, Staff, Client, Parent, or Legal Guardian

Health Notes:

RIDER INFORMATION

This form is to be completed by a parent or caregiver.



The information on this form will be used to help the instructors and volunteers customize the riding experience for your child. Please be as detailed as possible. (Community volunteers will have access to this information.)

Rider's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Are there any specific activities, exercises, or therapy that your child is engaged in at this time?

2. What are the specific skills/areas that you would like your child to be working on during their riding sessions and time spent at the Ranch?

3. Are there other areas in which you would like your child to gain from his or her riding sessions?

4. What is your child's ...
Interests: _____

Fears: _____

5. Does your child exhibit any behaviors that we need to be aware of?

If yes, are there any known triggers to the behavior?

6. If a behavior occurs, how would you like us to handle it?

Note: Please be aware that we always have safety in mind, and if your child is having difficulties, he or she may need to be removed from the horse and suspended for the remainder of the class for everyone's safety.

7. Does your child have any sensory issues such as sensitivity to loud noises, smells, tactile defensiveness, etc.?

8. Are there any sensory things that work best in calming your child? (e.g., Fidget toys)

9. Is there anything else that you would like us to know about your child?

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND HAVE ANSWERED THEM TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE & ABILITY.

Signature: _____
Parent or Legal Guardian

Date: _____

This is an initial letter to your child's physician. Please make sure that both sides are filled out and the back is **SIGNED & DATED.**



Date: _____

Dear Health Care Provider:

Your patient _____
(Participant's name)

is interested in participating in supervised equine-assisted services – which may include riding or groundwork.

In order to provide this service safely, our center requests that you complete and sign the attached Medical History and Physician's Statement Form. Please note that the following conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to equine activities. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present and to what degree.

Orthopedic

Atlantoaxial Instability - includes neurologic symptoms

Coxarthrosis

Cranial Defects

Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans

Joint Subluxation/Dislocation

Osteoporosis

Pathologic Fractures

Scoliosis

Spinal Joint Fusion/Fixation

Spinal Joint Instability/Abnormalities

Neurologic

Hydrocephalus/Shunt

Seizure

Spina Bifida/Chiari II Malformation/Tethered Cord/
Hydromyelia

Other

Indwelling Catheters/Medical Equipment

Medications - e.g., Photosensitivity

Poor Endurance

Skin Breakdown

Medical/Psychological

Abuse: Physical/Sexual/Emotional

Allergies

Animal Abuse

Blood Pressure Control

Cardiac Condition

Dangerous to Self or Others

Exacerbations of Medical Conditions (e.g., RA, MS)

Fire Setting

Hemophilia

Medical Instability

Migraines

PVD

Respiratory Compromise

Recent Surgeries

Substance Abuse

Thought Control Disorders

Weight Control Disorder

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this patient's participation in equine-assisted activities, please feel free to contact the center at the phone indicated below.

Kris Zieska, Children's Program Director

Majestic Hills Ranch

952-426-5688

MEDICAL HISTORY / PHYSICIAN RELEASE FORM

**MAJESTIC HILLS
RANCH**
7850 Metro Drive,
Suite 100
Bloomington, MN 55425
(f) 952-595-5193

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Diagnosis: _____ Date of Onset: _____

Scoliosis: Yes No

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Degrees and Region: _____

Past/Prospective Surgeries: _____

Seizures: Yes No Seizure Type: _____

Controlled: Yes No Date of last seizure: _____

Please indicate current or past special needs in the following systems/areas, including surgeries.

These conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to equine activities.

| Areas | Yes | No | Comments |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----------|
| Auditory | | | |
| Visual | | | |
| Tactile Sensation | | | |
| Speech | | | |
| Cardiac | | | |
| Circulatory | | | |
| Integumentary / Skin | | | |
| Immunity | | | |
| Pulmonary | | | |
| Neurological | | | |
| Muscular | | | |
| Balance | | | |
| Orthopedic | | | |
| Allergies | | | |
| Learning Disability | | | |
| Cognitive | | | |
| Emotional/Psychological | | | |
| Pain | | | |

Mobility (please circle): Independent Assisted Ambulation: _____ Braces Wheelchair

Please indicate any special precautions: _____

Given the above diagnosis and medical information, this person is not medically precluded from participation in equine assisted services. I understand that Majestic Hills Ranch will weigh the medical information given against the existing precautions and contraindications. Therefore, I refer this person to MHR for ongoing evaluation to determine eligibility for participation.

Name/Title (please print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Stamp Address Here: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Phone: _____