



Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.

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Certified through The Shepherd Academy



Hoofbeats Barn Rat Program

The Hoofbeats Barn Rat Program is open to students in the lesson program ages 9 to 18. To be considered for the program, a child must have completed a lesson session and be enrolled in the program. The Hoofbeats Barn Rat Program can be fast paced with many moving parts. In order to be successful, a child must have a basic working knowledge of how the barn runs, understand safety protocols and horse handling techniques and have a working relationship with the Hoofbeats staff. Good decisions come with knowledge, trust and confidence.

Code of Conduct

Hoofbeats Barn Rat status is a privilege that is earned by the demonstration of kindness toward people and animals and a willingness to learn and work hard.

Barn Rats are expected to:

- Follow instructions to the best of their ability. This includes asking questions when you are unsure.
- Support each other in our efforts. We are only as strong as our weakest link.
- Take care of themselves. This includes wearing clothing appropriate to the weather, bringing healthy snacks and eating them, drinking water or sports drinks-no soda or sugary snacks.
- Check in with your supervisor when you arrive and check out when you are ready to leave with your designated person on your contact that day.
- Barn Rats are expected to be honorable and conduct themselves with integrity out of respect for us and for themselves.

Behavior that is not tolerated includes:

- Harassing, threatening or intimidating another person or animal or making anyone feel unwelcome or unsafe.
- Rough housing or engaging in unsafe or distracting behavior with other barn rats or around the working horses.
- Disrupting the lesson program in any way.
- Ban Rats may not ride or handle the horses without supervision unless under specific instruction.
- Barn Rats may not leave the property without supervision unless under specific instruction.

Name _____ Age _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Signing this is like signing a contract and means that you agree to these terms.)



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Parental/Guardian agreement

By signing this form, you agree to support your child in their efforts to abide by these terms and to support the efforts of the Hoofbeats Staff. You agree that if your child cannot maintain these standards, you will pick them up within 30 minutes of a phone call.

Important: Please make sure that your child checks in with staff upon arrival and checks out with staff before they leave for the day and that there is an emergency contact number for you **for that day**.

Parents signature (s) _____ Date _____

We are so excited to be able to provide this opportunity for you child and we look forward to watching them grow as horsemen and as citizens. *"For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."* 2 Timothy 1:7