

**True North Ranch Ministries**  
**2017 GENERAL WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

The follow agreement for waiver of liability and assumption of risk is entered into between the program Sponsor and \_\_\_\_\_ (name) as Participant for the purpose of limiting Sponsor's potential exposure to liability for accidents or injuries arising from the inherent risks of livestock and livestock activities during the calendar year 2017.

For purposes of this agreement, "Sponsor" includes True North Ranch Ministries as a nonprofit business entity and Lee Shelstad and Dan Shelstad, other members of the board of directors, as well as their agents and assigns, and "Participant" includes any person invited to participate in True North Ranch Ministries' programs, work, train, ride, or otherwise take part in livestock activities.

**HORSES AND HORSEBACK RIDING ARE DANGEROUS**

**Under Minnesota Law, a nonprofit sponsor of livestock activities is immune from liability for accidents or injuries arising from the inherent risks of livestock activities.**

"Inherent risks of livestock activities" means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of livestock activities, including:

- (1) the propensity of livestock to behave in ways that may result in death or injury to persons on or around them, such as kicking, biting, or bucking;
  - (2) the unpredictability of livestock's reaction to things like sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
  - (3) natural hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions; or
  - (4) collisions with other livestock or objects.
- (c) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, hinnies, goats, buffalo, llamas, or poultry.
- (d) "Livestock activity" means an activity involving the maintenance or use of livestock. Livestock activity includes:
- (1) loading, unloading, or transporting livestock;
  - (2) livestock shows, fairs, competitions, performances, races, rodeos, or parades;
  - (3) livestock training or teaching activities;
  - (4) boarding, shoeing, or grooming livestock; or
  - (5) riding or inspecting livestock or livestock equipment.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** TNRM sometimes takes pictures and other media of children and families involved in our activities. By signing this consent form you are allowing us the right to use these pictures of you and/or your child for publicity. *If you do not want your child's picture or yourself included in any event photo for publicity please initial here.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant hereby acknowledges the inherent risks of livestock activities and voluntarily assumes the risk of accidents or injuries that may occur in connection with those activities. Participant waives liability against Stable Owner and agrees not to sue for any claim arising from the inherent risks of livestock activities, up to and including ordinary negligence, but excluding gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional harm. Participant further agrees to pay all of Stable Owner's attorney fees incurred to defend against any lawsuit or individual claim that Participant brings unsuccessfully against Stable Owner arising from livestock activities on Stable Owner's premises or otherwise sponsored by Stable Owner.**

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

Signature of Participant or minor Participant's parent or guardian:

Print Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

