

Cloud Nine Farm Volunteer Agreement

The goal of the Volunteer is to facilitate a pleasant experience possible for participants. The following outlines the duties and privileges of being a Volunteer. Volunteers may work at the host facility (**Cloud 9 Farm, Leigh Bryant's property located in Bedford, N.H.**) or may work offsite with Leigh Bryant when she brings her animals to site visits or events off her property. Volunteer warrants he/she will obey all Barn Rules at all times; assist and enforce visitors and third parties to adhere to the barn rules as well (even when offsite at events).

Volunteer duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Lead animals and hold them for people to pet them.
- Inform people where to stand, how to interact with animals.
- Scoop horse manure in paddock/barn.
- Provide assistance such as setting up obstacles, opening and closing gates, "tacking up", feeding, watering and grooming the animals, etc.
- Assist in keeping the facility tidy and free of trash.
- You may be asked to lead a horse alongside a Participant.
- Handling animals without supervision.
- Additional duties that arise as needed.

I understand the duties of a Volunteer and I warrant I am physically able to perform all listed duties. I understand that I will inform Leigh Bryant in the event I am asked to perform a duty which I may not be able to perform. I understand that, at any time, should I feel unsafe or uncertain about performing a duty, I am not obligated to perform said duty, and I will notify Leigh Bryant immediately. _____ *initial here.*

Either party may terminate this Agreement with three (3) days written notice to the other party. However, should Leigh Bryant determine Volunteer cannot perform his/her duties in a safe and satisfactory manner; she may terminate the Agreement immediately.

I have read and understand the duties and privileges of Volunteer. I have read the Barn Rules and agree to abide by them at all times. I acknowledge that this is a volunteer opportunity. I further acknowledge that I am not an employee of Leigh Bryant and I will only receive the benefits as stated herein for my performance of the Volunteer duties (no compensation will be provided for such performance).

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Leigh Bryant

Signature

Date

ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION Provision: This applies to your minor child.

I knowingly and voluntarily agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for all actions, causes of actions, suits and any and all claims, demands and liabilities whatsoever, both in law and equity, absent Releasees gross negligence, which result from the participation of my child (named below) in activities at the host facility as described in the Participant Release, herein incorporated by reference. The terms hereof shall be binding on my executors, heirs, administrator, and assigns, and shall serve as an assumption of risk and general release for all members of my family including my minor child participating in any such activities.

Whereas the Volunteer is a minor, under the age of eighteen (18) years, the signatures of both parents/guardians are required below as well as the signature of the Minor. If only one parent/guardian signature is provided, that parent/guardian: (1) warrants he/she has informed the other parent of this Volunteer and obtained his/her consent; (2) hereby releases Leigh Bryant on behalf of both parents/guardians from any and all liability as stated herein; and (3) agrees to indemnify and hold the Releasees harmless from any causes of action that may arise under this agreement including any damage or injuries caused by Volunteer, absent the gross negligence of the Releasees. It is the responsibility of the undersigned parents/guardians to ensure the Volunteer understands and complies with the policies stated herein.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Signature

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Signature

Volunteer/Minor's Printed Name

Volunteer/Minor's Signature

Volunteer Information Sheet for the Personal Pony Program and Cloud 9 Farm

Name: _____ Best phone number to reach you: _____

Address: _____

Age and Grade (if a student) _____ email address: _____

Parent Name (if a student) _____ Best parental contact number: _____

Experience with ponies or horses: _____

Experience with other animals: _____

As a volunteer, I am interested in:

Grooming the ponies _____

Walking the ponies _____

Training the ponies (like teaching them tricks) _____

Mucking _____

Barn and area clean-up _____

Going as an assistant on visits with the ponies to nursing homes, schools, fairs etc _____

Working with the goats (grooming, teaching them to walk on a leash and do to tricks) _____

Helping out in parades with the ponies _____

Caring for the barn animals while we are away (this means coming x2 a day and must have a parent's approval and possible involvement) _____

I am interested in volunteering so many hours in a month _____ (This is just to give me a rough idea about what you are interested in doing – it is in no way a commitment.)

Any other interests or ideas you might have: _____

Are you using this experience for community service hours? _____

Cloud 9 Farm

Bedford NH 03110

Rules of the Barn

Always make sure the gates and the tack room door are securely latched. Animals can escape and if they get into the tack room and eat all the grain, they could get very sick and even die.

No hand feeding, ever! They can start to look at fingers as something to nibble on.

No running, screaming or horseplay (no pun intended!) while inside the gates with the animals. The gated area is the animals' home – we need to respect their space and keep ourselves safe.

Always wear closed toe shoes. The ponies' hooves could hurt you if they accidentally step on your feet.

Always think of safety first. If you are unsure of an animal's behavior, remove yourself from the penned area.

Don't greet the ponies from behind. Leah and Klover are not known to kick yet touching them first from behind could startle them. Always greet from the head or side.

Always secure the water pump with some rope, if you give them some water. The ponies can use the pump as a scratching post. If the handle is not latched with rope, the ponies can cause a flood and run our well dry.

Only people who have Leigh's permission can come inside the fenced area with the animals. Only people who have been trained and meet with our approval can come in with the animals by themselves. Otherwise you need to be accompanied by Leigh or a trained volunteer.

For your safety, always wash your hands after being with the animals. We have handy wipes and sinks available to clean your hands.

As a volunteer, I have read, understand and will comply with all the above stated rules.

Sign Name _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if volunteer is a minor _____

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