

WELCOME!

Welcome to Naples Therapeutic Riding Center equine therapeutic riding program. We teach basic riding and horsemanship skills to riders of all ages with special needs. Our program is designed to benefit our riders physically, socially, and emotionally by using horses and volunteers who are trained to work with individuals of varying abilities.

Included in your rider request package are the following items:

- 1. Welcome Page
- 2. Rules for Riding
- 3. Participant Application Form
- 4. Annual Physicians Referral Form
- 5. Emergency Contact Information
- 6. Participant Demographic Information
- 7. Photo/Name Release Form
- 8. Release & Hold Harmless Agreement
- 9. Billing & Payment Policy
- 10. Physical or Occupational Therapy Evaluation Form
- 11. Family Volunteer Form

Upon completion of these forms, please return them to the office as quickly as possible. Once the forms have been reviewed by our Program Director, if you are eligible for the program you will be contacted to schedule a time for you to come in for an evaluation ride. There will be a one-time, non-refundable \$30.00 fee for the rider evaluation. The Evaluation Team will make a recommendation for placement into a class. Riders at NTRC are placed into in the most appropriate class according to the rider's abilities and age. We try to take scheduling preferences of the rider and caregivers into account when placing riders into classes; however, NTRC cannot guarantee the day and/or time that you prefer will be available. Please check the calendar on our website for the most current riding schedule. If there is not an opening in a class appropriate for your abilities and age, then you will be placed on a waiting list until space opens up.

When you receive your scheduled riding time, please make sure you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your lesson. This will give you the necessary preparation time before mounting. We do keep attendance records. All participants are permitted 2 absences (excused or unexcused). If the participant is absent 3 times per session, the participant will be removed from the lesson roster and placed at the end of the current waiting list. In order to avoid disrupting the riding lessons and for safety reasons, when a rider arrives late he/she will not be permitted to ride when the class has already started and the gate to the arena is closed. 2 tardy arrivals will be considered 1 absence.

Ongoing evaluations are done periodically on the progress of riders. If a rider has been evaluated as not gaining benefit from riding therapy, he/she may be removed from a class and reassigned or removed from the program in order to make room for another rider who may be able to benefit from riding therapy.

A participant may be excused due to medically related issues or needs that take him/her out of the program for 2 months or less, and NTRC will hold their place in the program session provided the participant's fees are paid and kept current.

Once again welcome to Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. We hope you will enjoy our program!

Please Keep This Page for Your Reference



RULES FOR RIDING

- 1. For your safety, you must follow all of the instructor's directions.
- 2. A safety helmet must be worn at all times when riding or in the arena. This helmet must be purchased by the rider/rider parent prior to commencement of riding at NTRC.
- 3. For the safety of all riders, staff and volunteers, NTRC requires the following:
 - a. Parent or guardian that understands and speaks English must accompany a rider at all times while on NTRC property.
 - b. A parent or adult guardian must be present during the entire riding lesson for all riders under the age of 21 years old, all non-English speaking riders, and all non-verbal riders. NTRC reserves the right to extend this policy to other riders as deemed necessary by a NTRC designated representative.
 - c. Due to the weight and height carrying limits of our therapy horses as well as the availability and limitations of our volunteers, individuals with a balanced seat weighing over 230 pounds and individuals with an unbalanced seat weighing over 185 are ineligible to ride. This rule is needed in order to provide for the safety of the rider, volunteers, and staff as well as to protect the health and soundness of the horses. If you exceed the weight requirements, contact the Program Director for other options available.
- 4. Long pants are recommended as well as shoes/boots with a low heel. Sneakers will be allowed but not recommended.
- 5. Remember this is Florida. Bring something cool to drink, a hat for shade and a sweat band or towel if needed.
- 6. Any bleeding or open sores must be covered with a bandage, or the rider cannot attend that session.
- 7. Please advise the instructor or Program Coordinator if the rider has a behavior or medical problem so that assisting volunteers can be informed.
- 8. Please be sure to advise the instructor of any medical changes (i.e.: a recent seizure).
- 9. Please refrain from coaching your rider from the sidelines. It is important their focus remain on the instructor and assisting volunteers.
- 10. Please make sure that any visitors you bring (including siblings) are kept under your supervision. (No climbing/sitting/standing on the fence, no shouting or loud voices, no running around the riding arena or parking lot, etc.)
- 11. Please check with the instructor or a staff member before using a camera with a flash. Sometimes, the flash can cause a horse to startle and react suddenly.
- 12. Parents/Guardians of riders are expected to volunteer at least 5 hours per session. Please refer to the Family Volunteer Form to advise us of your interests.
- 13. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you are unsure of something. The instructors, staff, and volunteers are always happy to assist.
- 14. Everyone on NTRC property is asked to make themselves aware of and abide by our basic safety rules.

Thank You for Following Our Basic Safety Rules. Safety Is Our Number One Priority.

Note: Signature of Parent/Guardian is REQUIRED if Participant is UNDER THE AGE OF 18 or is AN ADULT AND UNDER GUARDIANSHIP.

Adult/Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Adult/Parent/Guardian Signature

Witness Name (Print)

Witness Signature

Executed this _____ day of ____

, 20____



PARTICIPANT APPPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type all information)

| AGE D | OATE OF BIRTH | GENDER (N | MALE/FEMALE) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | |
| | | | ZIP |
| WHO TO CONTACT | | REL | ATIONSHIP |
| PHONE NUMBERS | | | |
| | (HOME) | (WORK) | (CELL) |
| | | | |
| HOW DID YOU HEAR A | BOUT NTRC? | | |
| IS RIDER ABLE TO (acc | omplish the following items | by themselves?): | |
| | | YES | NO |
| WALK | | | |
| SIT | | | |
| STAND | | | |
| SPEAK | | | |
| EAT | | | |
| DRINK | | | |
| GO TO THE BAT | THROOM INDEPENDENTI | | |
| CAN HE/SHE PIDE A | TRICVCI F | BICYCLE | HORSE |
| DOES HE/SHE HAVE AN | | | |
| | | YES | NO |
| FALLING | | | |
| SOUNDS | | | |
| HEIGHTS | | | |
| ANIMALS | | | |
| OTHER | | | |
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| PLEASE DESCRIBE AN | Y BEHVIORAL ISSUES: | | |
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| Note: Signature of Paren | t/Guardian is REQUIRED | if Participant is UNDER TH | E AGE OF 18 or is AN ADULT |
| AND UNDER GUARDIA | | - | |
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| Adult/Parent/Guardian Nat | me (Print) | Adult/Parent/Guardia | an Signature |
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| Witness Name (Print) | | Witness Signature | |

Executed this_____ day of _____, 20____.



PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Please assist us by providing the requested information. This information helps NTRC with applying for grant funding to operate our program. Providing this information is required.

| RACE/ETHNICITY: |
|-----------------|
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| Race | | Ethnicity |
|------|--|---------------------------|
| | White | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Black/African American | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Asian | If Hispanic, please check |
| | American Indian/Alaska Native | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | If Hispanic, please check |
| | American Indian/Alaskan Native & White | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Black/African American & White | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Am. Indian/Alaska Native & Black/African Am. | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Other Multi-racial | If Hispanic, please check |
| | Other | If Hispanic, please check |

INCOME:

Please indicate, for the most recent tax year, your family's gross (before taxes) income.

_____ Less than \$20,000

_____ \$20,000 - \$39,999

_____ \$40,000 - \$59,999

_____ \$60,000 - \$79,999

_____ More than \$80,000

LEGAL HOUSEHOLD DEPENDENTS:

Number of people living in your household that are dependent on the house income:

Number of Adults (including yourself):

Number of Children / Dependents:

Total Numbers: _____



ANNUAL PHYSICIAN'S REFERRAL FORM

EXPIRES August 7, 2017

| Participant's Name: | Date of Birth: | Height: | Weight: |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| Parent/Guardian Name: | | Phone: | |

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center is a therapeutic riding program designed to benefit the riders physically, socially, and emotionally. Safety equipment and specially trained horses and volunteers are used. In order to assure the fullest possible protections and greatest personal benefit from the program, each rider is required to furnish the following medical information before being accepted as a rider:

Diagnosis:_____ Date of Onset:_____

Note: If the diagnosis is Down Syndrome, the first Physician's Referral Form ever submitted to NTRC, Inc. must be accompanied by a negative diagnosis x-ray report for Atlantoaxial Instability. This must be a signed statement from a qualified physician giving the date and result of the x-ray. If you have questions, please call us.

Medical History:

Allergies:

Surgical Procedures:_____

Medications:

Prescribed For:

Present Impairments (Please Check Yes or No for each category):

| Impairment | Yes | No | Comments |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|----------|
| Auditory | | | |
| Vision | | | |
| Tactile Sensation | | | |
| Speech/Communication | | | |
| Sensory Integration | | | |
| Cardiac | | | |
| Pulmonary | | | |
| Integumentary/Skin | | | |
| Balance | | | |
| Mobility | | | |
| Muscular | | | |
| Spasticity and/or Rigidity Present | | | |
| Braces or Assistive Devices | | | |
| Orthopedic | | | |
| Seizures (if yes, date of last one) | | | |
| Cognitive | | | |
| Emotional/Psychological | | | |
| Other | | | |

Precautions or Contraindications to Therapeutic Horseback Riding:

Given the above diagnosis and medical information, this person is not medically precluded from participation in equine assisted activities and/or therapies. I understand that NTRC will weigh the medical information given against the existing precautions and contraindications identified above and by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH). Therefore, I refer this person to NTRC for ongoing evaluation to determine eligibility for participation.

Physician's Signature:_____ Printed Name:_____

Dated this ______ day of ______, 20_____ (Physician's Stamp):

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In Case of Emergency:

In case of emergency, NTRC's policy is to immediately call 911 and to then contact the name indicated below if not already on site.

Emergency Contact Information:

| Name: | Relationship: |
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Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Authorized Personal:

A parent or adult guardian must be present during the entire riding lesson for all riders under the age of 21 years old, all non-English speaking riders, and all non-verbal riders. If someone other than the parent or guardian will be accompanying the rider, please add this person's name and contact information below.

| Please indicate designated persons: | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Name | Phone Number | |
| | | |
| Name | Phone Number | |

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Adult/Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Adult/Parent/Guardian Signature

Witness Name (Print)

Witness Signature



PHOTO AND NAME RELEASE

For valuable consideration given and which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby grant(s) Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, and it's successors and /or assigns, agents, principals, representatives and employees, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NTRC") the following permission:

Photo Release:

The undersigned hereby grant(s) NTRC to take or have taken, still and moving photographs and films including television pictures of _______ (print full name) and consents and authorizes NTRC, its advertising agents, news media, and any other persons interested in NTRC and its work, to the use and reproduction of the photographs, films and pictures without limit, the generality of the foregoing newspapers, television media, social media, NTRC website, brochures, pamphlets, instructional materials, books and clinical material.

_____ The undersigned choose(s) not to grant permission for the use of photographic images.

Name Release:

The undersigned hereby grant(s) NTRC to use _______ 's (print full name) full name and consents and authorizes Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, its advertising agents, news media, and any other persons interested in Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, and or its work, to the use of her/his name with photographs, films and pictures without limit, the generality of the foregoing newspapers, television media, social media, NTRC website, brochures, pamphlets, instructional materials, books and clinical material.

____ The undersigned choose(s) not to grant permission for the use of the aforementioned name.

With regard to the foregoing material, no inducements or promises have been made to us/me to secure our/my signature(s) to this release other than the intention on NTRC to use or be in use or be used the aforementioned name and such photographs, films and pictures for the primary purpose of promotion and aiding its program and or its work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes this release

this _____ day of _____, 20____.

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Adult/Parent/Guardian Signature

Witness Name (Print)

Witness Signature



EQUINE RELATED ACTIVITY RELEASE & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT: Tha _______, who is known to NTRC as a visitor, volunteer, participant, employee or guest, (hereinafter referred to as "Constituent"), for and in consideration of participation in any Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. programs and presence on any NTRC property and for other good and valuable consideration in hand received by Constituent, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, does hereby RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, a Florida nonprofit corporation, and it's successors and /or assigns, agents, principals, representatives and employees, (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NTRC") of and from all manner of action(s), cause(s) of action, suits, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which Constituent has or may have in the future from the signing of this release until the end of such Constituent's participation in an NTRC program or presence on NTRC property, and any claim past, present or future which any personal representative, successor, heir or assignee of said party hereafter can, shall or may have against NTRC for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the time of Constituent participation in any NTRC program or being present on any NTRC property until such time as Constituent is not participating in any NTRC program or from a date forward that such Constituent is not present on any NTRC property, such release and hold harmless of NTRC specifically includes, but not by way of limitation, the following:

1) All equine activities at the property owned by NTRC located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Center Street and Goodlette Road, Naples, Collier County, Florida, including, handling, care, grooming, leading and riding of horses and such activities as defined in Section 773.01, Florida Statues, as amended from time to time; and all activities related to being in the presence of horses or on NTRC property;

2) Any and all rights or claims arising from, relating to, or in any way connected with the death or injury of any person participating in any equine activity sponsored by NTRC or death or injury of person occurring on NTRC property or claim for damage to any Constituent's personal property brought upon any NTRC property by Constituent.

3) Constituent grants NTRC the right and authority to perform a background check on Constituent in advance of Constituent's participation in any NTRC activity or presence on NTRC property and NTRC may make future checks on background from time to time during the Constituent's involvement in any NTRC program or presence on NTRC property. Constituent releases NTRC from any claim, cause of action or damages based upon NTRC's authorized background check(s).

4) Any and all rights or claims arising from, relating to or in any way connected with the death or injury of a Constituent who takes transport in any NTRC agent vehicle as part of a sponsored NTRC program occurring outside of the NTRC property.

WARNING

Under Chapter 773, Florida Statutes, an equine activity or sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

This Release further incorporates the immunity to volunteers of not-for- profit organizations who are acting within the scope of their responsibilities and who do not cause harm willfully or with wanton disregard for safety.

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Witness Name (Print)

Witness Signature



BILLING AND PAYMENT POLICY

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. has taken great care in setting participant fees for our services. Our fees are very modest because we subsidize most of the cost of group riding lessons and other programming through fundraising each year. We do not bill insurance companies or third party payors. The information below sets forth the billing and payment policies of Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. *This form may not be altered and must be signed prior to your participation in NTRC's program*.

<u>New Rider Evaluation</u>: A one-time, non-refundable fee of \$30.00 is required at the time of all new rider evaluations. **Riding Sessions**:

| Lesson Cost: | \$10.00 per 45 min lesson & \$20.00 per 60 min lesson. |
|--------------|---|
| Sessions: | 8-10 weeks |
| | Session 1: January to February |
| | Session 2: March, April and May |
| | Session 3 (Summer Session): June, July and August (limited) |
| | Session 4: September to October |
| | Session 5: November to December |

<u>Camp. EFMHA and EFL</u>: Rates for camp and group programs are determined at the beginning of each session and may vary based on length of program and number of participants in a client group.

<u>Financial Aid</u>: Financial aid is available to those who may have difficulty in paying for their riding sessions. An application is required. Financial aid will be determined on a case by case basis by our Scholarship Committee.

Billing: You will be billed in advance for all scheduled riding days within each session. Payment will still be required for all unexcused and excused absences. Absences due to a medical emergency or other medical procedure will be taken into consideration on a case by case basis. Naples Therapeutic Riding Center has a 30-day billing cycle. You have 30 days from the date on the invoice to make your payment. If payment is not received within the 30-day limit, a **\$10.00 late fee will be assessed**. The late fee shall be assessed by invoice, and that invoice shall also be subject to a late fee if it is not paid within 30 days. You must contact our billing department if you are not able to make your payment when it is due. Statements will be issued monthly for accounts with a balance due after 30 days.

Account Balances: If your account balance remains due on one or more invoices over 60 days, then you will be notified in writing that you are prohibited from participating in the program until payment is received in full. If you are having difficulty making your payment on time, then you can make application for financial aid. If you do not meet the eligibility criteria for financial aid, then you can request a payment plan. Requests for payment plans are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, and if approved, your payment plan will be documented as a written agreement between you and NTRC. *Please note: If you do not follow the terms of the written payment plan agreement, then the balance you owe shall immediately become due in full, and the participant shall be prohibited from participating in the program until full payment is received by NTRC.*

<u>Returned Checks</u>: Your account will be assessed a \$30.00 return check fee for each check that is returned to our office. The returned check fee shall be assessed by invoice, and that invoice shall be subject to a late fee if it is not paid within 30 days.

We accept cash, personal checks, debit cards, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Billing Department at (239) 596-2988.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above listed policy.

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Adult/Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Adult/Parent/Guardian Signature

Witness Name (Print)

Witness Signature

Executed this _____ day of _____

, 20____



PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVALUATION

Date of Evaluation:

Name of Participant:_____ Date of Birth:_____

Diagnosis:

Other Pertinent Medical History:

| Muscle Strength (Gross) – note specific weaknesses | |
|--|--|
| Joint ROM (Gross) – note specific limitations | |
| Muscle Tone | |
| Balance – sitting, standing, walking, running | |
| Coordination – gross and fine motor | |
| Reflexes – developmental and tendon | |
| Pain – character/level, cause | |
| Sensory Impairments | |
| Perceptual Problems | |
| Communication Difficulties | |
| Functional Abilities/Mobility | |
| Transfers | |
| Skin Conditions | |
| Other | |

Problem List

| (1) | |
|-----|--|
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |

Plans & Goals

| <u>(1)</u> | | |
|------------|--|--|
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |

Additional Comments:

Printed Name of Therapist

Therapist Signature

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Email:



FAMILY VOLUNTEER FORM

We need your help in making our program at NTRC a success! As with all not-for-profit therapeutic riding programs, NTRC's success is dependent on the help of volunteers. Your participation as a volunteer demonstrates your family's commitment to the program and helps to ensure long-term stability. When you volunteer your time to help at NTRC, you motivate others in our community to donate their time and effort to help our special riders succeed.

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW ANY AREAS IN WHICH YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OR LEARNING MORE:

I would like to help with:

| | ng and Related Program Activities _ Sidewalking _ Grooming/Tacking _ Leading _ Coordinating Riders and Volunteers during program activities |
|-------|--|
| | _ Filing _ Making Phone Calls _Data Entry |
| | epair _ Tack Cleaning _ Clean Empty Stalls _ Laundry (Washing Saddle Pads / Folding Laundry) |
| | ments/Maintenance/Repairs and Beautification _ Handyman Services _ Painting (Fences, House, Barn, Office Interior, etc.) _ Hanging Pictures / Decorating _ Gardening, Weeding and Yard Work _ Specialized Contractor Services (Flooring, Electrical, Plumbing, Roofing, etc.) |
| | _ Vacuuming _ Dusting _ Mopping _ Cleaning Bathrooms |
| Other | (please specify) |

You may not realize that your special skills and talents could be of great help to our program and riders. Also, your affiliation (past or present) with an employer, professional association, social club or faith congregation may give us an opportunity to reach out into the community to let others know about our program. PLEASE TELL US BELOW ABOUT ANY SPECIAL SKILLS OR AFFILIATIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US:

Current or Former Employer(s) / Professional Skills:

Additional Special Talents / Skills: _____



Individual Medical Records Release Form/HUD

 PARTICIPANT NAME______ DATE OF BIRTH_____

 This will authorize _____ release of participant's records or _____ NOT release:

| Naples Therapeutic Riding Center |
|--|
| (NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, WHO WILL RECEIVE/RELEASE INFORMATION) |
| 206 Ridge Drive, Naples FL 34108 |
| (ADDRESS) |
| (239) 596-2988 |

(PHONE NUMBER)

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center through its operation of providing therapeutic riding programs is eligible for HUD Grants and as such, is required to permit HUD Grant Audits which review the Participants Medical Diagnosis in determining Grant participation. This review is onsite at Naples Therapeutic Riding Center and no medical diagnosis or records will be taken off site or copied and removed from Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. Naples Therapeutic Riding Center to include your medical information in the HUD Grant Audit for Naples Therapeutic Riding Center Grant eligibility.

Information to be reviewed includes (Please **INITIAL** each item to be released):

_____All information including medical, psychiatric, psychological, alcohol and drug or other substances.

Specific information/reports, such as (Please INITIAL each item to be released).

Other_____

Specific purpose for disclosure of information: HUD Grant Audit Procedures as disclosed above

This information has been disclosed from records whose confidentiality is protected by Florida Statues and federal regulations governing confidentiality, (42 CFR Part 2).

This information cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time (except to the extent that action has been taken) by written notification to NTRC Program Director.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Witness

Date