

## Birthday Party Rental Policies

Please read the attached policies, then sign and complete the form and return it by regular postal mail or email (addresses below):

- Deposit: A \$50 deposit is required to reserve a date and will be applied towards the total charge of the rental minus any damage or clean up fees post-event.
- The site must be left clean and free of trash. Any trash remaining will be cleaned up by the host and billed at a rate of \$50/hour, to be taken from the deposit.
- Full Payment is required the day of the event. Reservations must be made 2 weeks in advance.
- Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made more than 1 week in advance of the event will receive a refund. Cancellations made within one week of the event will not be refunded.
- Due to the nature of our mission of reaching, rescuing and restoring broken children, families and horses, and out of respect to the families that are victims of alcohol abuse, there is NO ALCOHOL allowed on the premises.
- Bit of Hope Ranch is a **tobacco-free facility** - no smoking or use of tobacco will be permitted.
- There is no refund based on inclement weather. If needed, a location can be changed to a covered area.
- No entering of the pasture or animal containment areas. The fences are electric.
- No feeding the animals - large or small.
- No child under 18 is allowed near the pond without adult supervision.
- The Ranch Host is responsible for opening the gates, having the area cleared and cleaned for the event, and helping with general questions of the Ranch. The host has the option to tell the coordinator of the event to remove a guest(s) if they are disruptive to the property or the animals. The host will be on site during the duration of the event and while setting up and tearing down.
- An equine handler(s) will be supervising all horse-related activities.
- All participants must have a signed liability release form, closed-toe shoes and must be able to wear one of our properly fitted riding helmets while mounted.
- Due to developmental limitations, children under the age of 3 will not be allowed to ride.
- No balloons, pinatas or noise makers are allowed on the farm as they may scare the animals.

By signing below, you agree to the policies stated above, and will, to the best of your ability, communicate these policies to all Birthday Party guests. This is for the safety of all parties involved and to insure a positive, fun experience at the Ranch. Thank you!

RATHLEAD LIABILITY RELEASE

As a PARTICPANT at Bit of Hope Ranch, Inc., I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks of an equine related program. However, I feel that the possible benefits to me and the children and horses I work with are greater than the risk assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs and assigns, executors or administrators, waive and release forever all claims for damages against Rathlead Farms, LLC and Bit of Hope Ranch, Inc. and their members, Board of Directors, volunteers and/or employees for any and all injuries and/or losses I may sustain while participating in activities at Bit of Hope Ranch, Inc.

**By signing this form, I understand the policies put forth by Bit of Hope Ranch and agree to comply with said policies. Violation of policies may result in loss of monies paid and nullification of contract.**

**Renter's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Bit of Hope Staff Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**

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