



PERMISSION SLIP TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY

SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY: NECA PE Outdoor Education Equine Program

LOCATION OF ACTIVITY: Willow Brook Farm Plainfield, NH

DATES/ GRADES: May 3rd and 10th- Full Day for 4th-12th Grade (rain date is May 17)

COST: \$10 per child. Scholarships are available, please contact Mario ASAP

**Please make all payments directly to NECA. Forms due Friday April 30th .*

**All 4th -12th grade students must be prepared and arrive to school by 8:30
All students must have a lunch and water bottle, dress code requirements are below.**

FAMILY NAME: _____	
MAILING ADDRESS: _____	
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____	
HOME #: _____	CELL#: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE: _____

STUDENT(S) NAME:

#1(Name) _____	GRADE: _____	AGE: _____
#2(Name) _____	GRADE: _____	AGE: _____
#3(Name) _____	GRADE: _____	AGE: _____
#4(Name) _____	GRADE: _____	AGE: _____

We the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named student(s), hereby give our approval for his/her participation in the New England Classical Academy activity listed above. My child(ren) is physically fit and capable of taking part in this activity. We understand that there will be supervision and that the participant is responsible for his/her/they conduct as well.

We understand that there exists a possibility of injury. We approve any emergency treatment necessary if he/she/they is injured while participating in an activity. We agree to have our child(ren) transported for emergency medical or dental problems if such an emergency arises. I accept full responsibility for all medical expenses incurred as a result of my child's participation in this program.

PARENT / GUARDIAN:

Print Name: _____ Sign Name: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Sign Name: _____ Date: _____

Experiential learning in an outdoor environment
Activities in the natural sciences, humanities, recreation, environmental appreciation and community service are blended to provide opportunities for growth and challenge.

FAQs:

When is the program? The program is Tuesday, 5/3 and Tuesday, 5/10 with a rain date of 5/17. Students will leave school at 8:35, travel by van to the farm and return at 3:00 pm for dismissal. The caravan **will not** wait for tardy students, if you are late, you will stay behind and be integrated into the Prek-3rd.

What will be expected: Students will rotate in the following stations: Service Learning, Academic Block, Equine Education. We've surveyed the students to learn their interest and comfort level with the various activities and have created a structure to keep the day active and fun. The transitions will be quick to allow the maximum experience, we expect students to move along, participate and represent NECA in a positive way.

What is the Dress Code? Students should wear their uniform pants (khakis) or jeans without pocket embellishments and PE shirts or sweatshirts with sneakers. Long pants are required at every station. If your child has boots or shoes with a heel, they can bring them, but it is not necessary. (Any boot-puddle, muck, riding- it should have a heel). The farm has appropriate shoes and helmets available, and the kids will not be in the saddle for very long. PLEASE do not purchase anything new for this experience, nothing beyond our normal uniform/ PE clothing is required!!!

How long is the lesson? Each block is 90 minutes, with a 30 minute break for lunch. During the equine education block, students will have the opportunity to interact with the horses, learning to lead, groom and **very** basic riding. We anticipate approximately 10 minutes actually on the horses for the first week. As with our ski and swim program, those who are already proficient will have the opportunity to assist those new to the experience. There have been rumors of trail riding or full lessons, but during this pilot program, we are unable to incorporate longer sessions. Our purpose is hands on education- connecting the mind and body (for example, Latin equine anatomy). More information about Willow Brook Farm @ <http://www.wb-farm.com/Home.html>.

Who will help? NECA teachers will teach the Service Learning and Academic Components. Willow Brook Farm will direct the Equine program with support from NECA teacher chaperones.

What is Service Learning? In order to provide this opportunity for our students at a reasonable cost, we are partnering with Willow Brook to complete some farm chores such as cleaning fences or helping in the barn.

Are cell phones or cameras allowed? The farm has encouraged students to take pictures to document their day and summarize their learning. Cameras and cell phones are the responsibility of the student and will be taken away if they become a distraction. Photos may be posted on the facebook page.

What if my child is allergic or afraid of the horses?. We have a number of activities that do not require hands on interaction with the horses. We've surveyed the kids and this situation is very rare. We encourage everyone to participate with the horses as they feel comfortable, the other activities are mandatory (service and academic)

**Release of Liability
Parent/Minor**

WITNESS THIS AGREEMENT this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between Willow Brook Farm, LLC and _____, hereinafter referred to as RIDER, and if Rider is a minor, Rider's parent or guardian, _____. In consideration received, and in return for the use, today and on all future dates of the property, facilities and services of Willow Brook Farm, LLC, instructors, employees and agents; Rider, Rider's heirs, assigns, and representatives, herby agree as follows:

1. Inherent Ricks and Assumption of Risk. The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent Risks associated with equine activities such as described below and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability.

Rider acknowledges that horses, by their very nature are unpredictable and subject to animal whim, which may include behavior including but not limited to their propensity to kick, bite, shy, buck, stumble, bolt, rear or general unpredictability. Rider assumes all risks in connection therewith, and expressly waives any claims for any injury or loss arising therefrom. Rider agrees to abide by and follow all rules and regulations which shall be posted and/or available from time to time. Rider further acknowledges that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of the rider. Rider assumes all ricks therefor and warrants a full and fair disclosure of Rider's abilities has been made.

Rider and Rider's Guardian's have read and understand all farm & Stable rules

Rider expressly releases Willow Brook Farm, LLC and its owners, agents, employees, successors or assigns, lessors and joint ventures' from any and all liability, damages claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever, including legal fees and expenses incurred by Willow Brook Farm, LLC in defense of such claims, both in law and equity for personal injury, conscious suffering, death or property damage sustained by Rider or other while using Willow Brook Farm, LLC facilities or participating in any of the activities conducted on the premises, even if caused by negligence (if allowed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire) by Willow Brook Farm, LLC or its owners, representatives, agents or employees.

_____ **Date** _____

WARNING

Under New Hampshire Law, an equine professional, or any other person engaged in equine activity, shall not be liable for an injury or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks or equine activities pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes 508:19 (2001).

2. RIDER (OR RIDER’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN) AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND WILLOW BROOK FARM, LLC AND ITS OWNERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, LESSORS AND JOINT VENTURERS AGAINST AN AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DAMAGES, JUDGEMENTS, ORDERS, COSTS OR EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY’S FEES, WHICH MAY BE INITIATED AGAINST ANY OF THE FOREGOING BY ANY PERSON ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH RIDER’S USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON THE PROPERTY OF EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND THE FACILITIES LOCATED THEREON. In the event rider is a minor, the parent or guardian shall further indemnify, defend and hold Willow Brook Farm, LLC and its owners, agents, employees, successors or assigns, lessors and joint venturers harmless from any such claims by said minor child, regardless of any statute of limitations or contractual imitation of actions.

3. In the event Rider is using Rider’s own horse, or a horse(s) not owned by Willow Brook Farm, LLC, Rider warrants said horse(s) shall be free from infection, contagious or transmittable diseases. Willow Brook Farm, LLC reserves the right to refuse access or use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to Willow Brook Farm, LLC to be in good health or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.

4. Rider agrees to waive the protection of any applicable statutes in this jurisdiction whose purpose, substance, and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing said release.

Willow Brook Farm, LLC

Rider

Both Parent’s or Guardian’s Signatures if Rider is a Minor:

Date:

_____ **Date** _____