RELEASE OF LIABILITY STATEMENT

The undersigned, _____ (PRINT NAME), do hereby acknowledge and assume the risk of participation in any and all horse-related activities in association with Alleghany County 4-H. He/she voluntarily assumes all risk of loss, damage, illness or injury that he/she may sustain while so engaged or as a result thereof. He/she agrees to hold harmless, release and indemnify Alleghany County 4-H and its volunteers, employees and agents in any location where horse-related activities are conducted, horses and/or property are used, of and from all claims which may hereafter accrue on account of any injury, loss or damage, which he/she may suffer, because of any matter, thing, condition, negligence or default whatsoever. He/she hereby accepts the full risk and danger of any hurt, injury, or damage that may occur through or by reason of any matter, thing, condition, negligence or default, of any person or persons whatsoever.

He/she agrees to assume all expenses, medical, liability or otherwise, arising out of any injury to him/her while participating with Alleghany County 4-H and understands that Alleghany County 4-H does not provide health, accident, or liability insurance to volunteers in horse-related activities.

The person executing this release acknowledges that there is a valid consideration in executing this release.

The invalidity of any statement or waiver of rights above under local, state or federal law does not invalidate any other statement or waiver of rights above.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITES

I understand that horses are independent living beings with their own minds and, as such, can never be entirely predictable. I understand that there are always elements of risk in Equestrian activities including permanent disability or death, that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

- I am aware that at all times when in the stables or working around horses it is MY RESPONSIBILITY to:
    - Be alert and respectful of horses' intentions signaled with their ears and eyes and carried out with their teeth and hooves.
    - Speak in a reassuring tone when approaching horses and avoid sudden movements or noises.
    - Always lead horses properly with a lead shank.
    - Always wear appropriate clothing including rugged boots.
    - Read and obey all posted information and warnings.
    - Comply promptly with all verbal directions of stable personnel, officers and instructors unless I believe that by doing so I will endanger myself, other people or horses, in which case I will immediately express my opinion to the person involved.

- Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to my injury or the injury of other people or horses.
- Never ride alone.
- Be constantly aware of, anticipate and be able to avoid nearby horses, people and obstacles, natural and man-made hazards.

I understand that this is only a partial list, and I must be safety conscious and exercise sound judgment at all times. Anyone found to be endangering themselves, other people, or horses faces immediate revocation of riding privileges.

Please sign and date to verify that you have read and understand the above participant responsibilities:

Participant _____ Date _____

Parent or legal guardian_____ Date _____
(if participants under 18)