

# *RideAbility TENTH annual RideAThon*



There are three different ways to ride in the RideAbility RideAThon:

\* For any questions, to check on schedule changes, or to get your registration filled out ahead of time, please email Jeanie at [promisedmeadows@gmail.com](mailto:promisedmeadows@gmail.com)

## **#1) TRAIL RIDE AT THE ISLAND RIDERS SADDLE CLUB**

\*Show up with your horse and your pledge card on Saturday October 4th at 10AM at the Island Riders Saddle club grounds

Rain/cancellation date is: Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10AM at the Island Riders Saddle club -- it has to be very bad weather on October 4<sup>th</sup> for us to "reschedule"!!!

- We will send off a few horses every few minutes, after the start time.
- We would prefer that you collect your pledged money ahead of time and hand it in with your pledge card (otherwise we will be calling and mailing to a lot of people to collect pledges).
- A volunteer trail leader will be leading us, we will have several short trail rides.
- You may want to bring a sack lunch and/or beverage (we are planning a moderate lunch, but we don't want to be short on food and beverage supply).

## **#2) RIDE AT THE BARN WITH RIDEABILITY**

- Participate in the KICK OFF on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at the RideAbility barn AND/OR
- Show up with your horse or call Jeanie to ride a RideAbility horse on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2PM at the RideAbility barn AND/OR
- Show up with your horse or call Jeanie to ride a RideAbility horse on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the RideAbility Barn, hoping to go to the Douglas Trail that day AND/OR
- Show up on any Thursday evening in September/October to ride in-the-arena with our horse care and exercise team, 6:30pm – 8:00pm AND/OR
- Call RideAbility to set up some in-the-arena or on-the-farm riding times (11 times around the arena is 1 mile!)
- The plan for each riding time will depend on how many riders are present. We may ride on the gravel roads ("around the block"), or a short ride to the waterway, or a sensory trail ride, or a pattern in the arena, or see how many riders can complete 11 laps (1 mile). These rides help to condition our horses.
- We would prefer that you collect all of your pledged money and hand it in with your pledge card before October 31<sup>st</sup> (otherwise we will be calling and mailing to a lot of people to collect pledges).
- You may want to bring a sack lunch and a beverage (we try to have a hotdish prepared in the barn, but we can't guarantee a good lunch due to the varying number of riders present).

## **#3) RIDE "AT HOME" TO SUPPORT RIDEABILITY**

Collect pledges from friends/coworkers/family/other RideAbility supporters – ride our own horse or wherever you usually ride, and log your "RideAThon hours" for the months of September and October.

\*Any horseback riding (or cart/carriage driving) that you do can be part of our fundraiser!!! The pledge card (again, hopefully with the pledges collected) can be submitted to RideAbility anytime up **until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.**

# RideAbility Tenth annual RideAThon

*Thank you so much for being part of our fundraiser for the fall of 2014!!!*

## "The Basics": Rules and Information:

What: Fundraiser for RideAbility, ride your horse for RideAbility!

When: September and October 2014

Where: RideAbility, Island Riders Saddle Club, Douglas Trail, or at-home

Why: Raise funds for RideAbility

How: Collect pledges for your ride – ask your friends for \$5 or \$10 to support RideAbility and specifically to care for the horses through winter

\*Email requests are very successful: you may ask them to send a check to you or you may ask them to send a check to:

RideAbility  
P.O. Box 995  
Pine Island, MN 55963

\*ask them to note your name so we can add it to (confirm on) your pledge sheet.

## Safety:

- We prefer that you wear a safety helmet when riding with us
- We prefer that you wear boots with a heel and long pants
- Please double check your tack before you leave for your ride
- We will leave in small groups every few minutes to prevent crowding
- Please be sure every rider is in control of their horse

## Comfort:

- Remember bug spray!! *For you and your horse ☺*
- Pack your own lunch and beverages, enjoy a trail picnic!!
- If the trail is too far for you, plan to turn back early!!!
- We will assign volunteer trail leaders

## Manners:

- please be polite to everyone
- clean up your own manure before you leave
- clean up your own picnic area & garbage



Name	Address	Phone	Email	Pledge per mile OR Pledge per hour OR Total donation
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PLEGGED:</b>	-----	-----	-----	\$
<b>AMOUNT COLLECTED before RideAthon</b>	-----	-----	-----	\$
<b>AMOUNT COLLECTED after RideAthon</b>	-----	-----	-----	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED:</b>	-----	-----	-----	\$

## RideAbility RideAThon Registration Form

### REGISTRATION:

Name of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount on pledge sheet: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

By the signature below, I authorize RideAbility or a representative to secure and retain medical aid/treatment treatment and transportation if needed due to illness or injury at anytime during the RideAbility RideAThon. I also authorize RideAbility or a representative to release any medical information available to the authorized individual or agency involved in the medical treatment. This authorization includes x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, medication and any treatment procedure deemed "life saving" by the physician. This provision will only be invoked if the rider named above is unable to communicate.

### **Photo and Publicity Release**

By the signature below, I consent to and authorize the use and reproduction by RideAbility of any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my son/my daughter/my custodial child for promotional printed material, educational activities or for any other use for the benefit of the RideAbility program.

### **Minnesota Equine Liability Law**

By the signature below, I indicate that I have been informed of the Minnesota Equine Liability Law. A copy of the Minnesota Equine Liability Law is provided on the back of this form and/or posted at the event.

I (named above) would like to participate in the RideAbility RideAThon fundraising trail ride. I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks of horseback riding and working around horses. However, I feel that the possible benefits to myself (or my son/my daughter/my custodial child) are greater than the risk assumed. By the signature below I indicate that 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: RideAbility - and its Board of Directors, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, Horse owners, Volunteers and/or Employees - for any and all injuries and/or losses that I (or my son/my daughter/my custodial child) may sustain while participating in the RideAbility RideAThon fundraising event.

I understand that RideAbility prefers that I wear a safety helmet while riding and RideAbility asks that I take all other safety precautions possible around the horses.

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

If under 18 years of age a parent or guardian must sign: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Minnesota Equine Liability Law**

## **Sec. 3 (604A.12) LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES: IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.**

### **Subdivision 1. Definitions.**

- (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.
- (b) “Inherent risks of livestock activities” means dangers or conditions that are an integral part of livestock activities, including: (1) the propensity of livestock to behave in ways that may result in death or injury to persons on or around them, such as kicking, biting or backing; (2) the unpredictability of livestock’s reaction to things like sound, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (3) natural hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions; or (4) collisions with other livestock or objects.
- (c) “Livestock” means cattle, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, hinnies, goats, buffalo, llamas or poultry.
- (d) “Livestock activity” means an activity involving the maintenance or use of livestock, regardless of whether the activity is open to the general public, provided the activity is not performed for profit. Livestock activity includes: (1) livestock production; (2) loading, unloading or transporting livestock; (3) livestock shows, fairs, competitions, performances, races, rodeos or parades; (4) livestock training or teaching activities; (5) boarding, shoeing or grooming livestock; or (6) riding or inspecting livestock or livestock equipment.
- (e) “Livestock activity sponsor” means a person who sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for a livestock activity that is open to the general public.
- (f) “Participant” means a person who directly and intentionally engages in a livestock activity. “Participant” does not mean a spectator who is in an authorized area.

**Subdivision 2. Immunity from Liability**, except as provided in subdivision 3, a nonprofit corporation, association, or organization, or a person or other entity donating service, livestock, facilities, or equipment for the use of a nonprofit corporation, association, or organization, is not liable of the death or an injury to a participant resulting from the inherent risks of livestock activities.

**Subdivision 3. Exceptions**, Subdivision 2 does not apply if any of the following exist: (1) the person provided livestock for the participant and failed to make reasonable efforts to determine the ability of the participant to safely engage in the livestock activity, or to determine the ability of the participant to safely manage the particular livestock based on the participant’s representations of the participant’s ability; (2) the person provided equipment or tack for the livestock and knew, or should have known, that it was faulty to the extent that it caused injury or death; (3) the person owns or leases the land upon which a participant was injured or died because of a man-made dangerous latent condition and failed to use reasonable care to protect the participant; (4) the person is a livestock activity sponsor and fails to comply with the notice requirement of subdivision 4; or (5) the act of omission of the person was willful or negligent.

**Subdivision 4. Posting Notice**, A livestock activity sponsor shall post plainly visible signs at one or more prominent locations in the premises where the livestock activity takes place that include a warning of the inherent risks of the livestock activity and the limitation of liability under this section.