

Participant's Acknowledgement of Risk

In consideration of the services and programs of [Sunrise Pack Station, L.L.C.](#), its members, agents, employees, stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with this business, I agree as follows:

Although [Sunrise Pack Station, L.L.C.](#) has taken reasonable steps to provide you with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so you can enjoy an activity for which you may not be skilled; we wish to remind you this activity is not without risk. Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can be causes of loss or damage to your equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. We do not want to frighten you or reduce your enthusiasm for this activity, but we do think it is important for you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. The following describes some, but not all, of those risks:

1. Horseback riding has risks involved in being on the back of a living creature that thinks and acts on its own. Horses can shy at noise, at features, at other horses and mules, or at people without warning. They can jump logs or streams instead of walking across them. They might step on your toe while saddling or bridling. There are a number of uncertainties associated with horse and stock use.
2. Water from natural sources can carry bacteria, *Giardia*, or other disease causing organisms. Water should be adequately filtered, boiled, or chemically treated before use in wildland areas.
3. Wildlife is dangerous. No animals, large or small, should be approached or fed. Bears do frequent the areas traveled. Measures will need to be taken to neither attract nor reward bears or any other animal. Food of all kinds will need to be hung from poles more than ten feet in the air. No item with smell should be kept in tents.
4. You will be traveling in wild or natural areas. Trees do occasionally fall across trails or into camps. Bridges are sometimes washed out or destroyed along trails. Weather may be extreme - hot, cold, wind, precipitation, etc. Wildfires may occur. Routes and itineraries may have to be changed for a variety of reasons.
5. Wildland horse travel and camping does require a moderate amount of physical exertion. There may be times that one might be required to walk, leading the horse for several miles. Items will need to be lifted and moved. Weather conditions might require additional physical exertion. Wildland horse packing requires stamina and physical ability.

I am aware that horseback wildland trips with [Sunrise Pack Station, L.L.C.](#) entails risks of injury or death to myself. I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume responsibility for the risks identified herein and those risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

I possess at least the following qualifications, which I understand are prerequisites to participate in this activity:

- a. sound mind and body.
- b. ability to take direction/instruction.
- c. willingness to learn and participate in horse packing, camp, and trail techniques.
- d. willingness to both give and receive help from other members of the party should it be needed.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself, including my minor children, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and of my negligence in participating in this activity. I also certify that I am personally responsible for any medical expenses incurred while participating in a horseback riding experience.

I have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon me, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, estate and all members of my family including any minors accompanying me.

Signature_____ Date_____

If under 18 years of age, signature of parent or guardian is also required.

Signature of parent or guardian_____ Date:_____

_____ I am choosing to participate in an equine activity after I have been informed of the risks associated with not wearing recommended footwear. (Please Initial)

_____ I am declining the option of wearing protective headgear. (Please Initial)

_____ I will not openly have a firearm in my possession while participating in this back country activity in Yellowstone National Park. (Please Initial)