

Acknowledgement & Assumption of Risks

Cross Bar X Youth Ranch and its owners, officers, directors, volunteers, agents, employees, counselors, and guides (collectively, "Cross Bar X") allows campers to participate from time to time in numerous adventure experiences on and off the Cross Bar X Youth Ranch premises, including but not limited to camping, hiking, and backpacking; rock climbing, bouldering, and rappelling, participating in high and low ropes courses, and zip lining; peak climbing and mountaineering; rafting, canoeing, kayaking, and water tubing on white water streams and rivers; fishing; swimming in a natural spring fed lake and other recreation in the lake area including but not limited to the use of rope swings and water trampolines; horseback riding; mountain biking; cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snow tubing; handling and firing BB guns; engaging in indoor and outdoor games and individual and team sports including but not limited to broomball, both during daylight hours and at night; participating in other recreational activities in an outdoor setting, including but not limited to archery and activities involving campfires; participating in chores and service activities including but not limited to cleaning Cross Bar X Youth Ranch facilities and caring for livestock and animals; participating in skills classes including cooking, carpentry, knitting, automobile repair, and fitness; utilizing transportation to and from off-site activities; and other activities common to a youth camp, summer camp, or adventure experience or setting.

I recognize that there are significant risks inherent to each of these activities, including but not limited to the risk of bodily injury, illness, death, damage or loss to person or property which may result from surface, subsurface, and underwater hazards in areas where these activities occur such as hidden rocks or other obstructions, water currents, snow conditions, and variations in steepness or terrain; severe weather including lightning storms, snow storms, and extreme temperatures; collisions with or impacts from other participants or natural or manmade objects; equipment failure; falls from heights; exposure to livestock and animals maintained by Cross Bar X as well as wild animals, aquatic life, bacteria, viruses, insects and bugs; unpredictable animal behavior; exposure to cleaning chemicals, power tools, and other items routinely used in the camp setting for cleaning and repair; physically demanding tasks; traffic hazards; the potential of participants to act in a negligent or unpredictable manner that may contribute to injury to that participant or to others, such as failing to maintain control over equipment or tools or not acting within the participant's abilities; and other hazards. I understand that persons with certain medical conditions should not participate in these activities without the advice of a physician. I acknowledge that a complete listing of risks is not possible, and that risks may exist that cannot be anticipated. I understand that supervision by Cross Bar X may not be provided at all times.

I also acknowledge that Cross Bar X uses its best judgment in determining how to react to circumstances present in these activities, including the risks associated with natural and manmade conditions, animal behavior, and a participant's abilities, but may misjudge such circumstances.

Also, I acknowledge that equipment used in these activities may break, fail, or malfunction, despite reasonable maintenance and use. Some of the equipment used in these activities may inflict injuries even when used as intended. I understand that participation in these activities is not required. Knowing these risks, I authorize participation by myself and my child in each of the activities identified above and below, and assume responsibility for myself and my child for any and all bodily injury, illness, death, damage to or loss of personal property, and all expenses thereof, which may occur as a result of participation in such activities.

Equestrian Activities

WARNING: Under Colorado law, a person instructing participants or providing horses and other equines for riding is not responsible for an injury to or the death resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes. "Inherent risks of equine activities" are those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to: (1) the likelihood of the animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them, (2) the unpredictability of the animal's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals, (3) hazards including the surface and subsurface conditions of property where equine activities occur, (4) collisions with other animals or objects, and (5) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to that participant or to others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within the participant's ability.

I recognize that there are significant risks inherent to horseback riding, the handling of horses, and other equine activities. I also acknowledge that Cross Bar X uses its best judgment in determining how to react to circumstances present in equine activities, including an animal's character and a participant's abilities, but may misjudge such circumstances.

I understand that all participants should wear protective headgear such as a riding helmet because the wearing of such headgear while mounting, riding, dismounting, and otherwise being around horses, may (but will not in all cases) prevent or reduce the severity of some head injuries, and that Cross Bar X requires such protective headgear for riders under the age of 18.

I understand that participation in equine activities is not required. Knowing these risks, I authorize participation by myself and my child in the handling and riding of horses and other equine activities, and assume responsibility for myself and my child for any and all bodily injury, illness, death, damage to or loss of personal property, and all expenses thereof, which may occur as a result of participation in such activities.

Ropes Course Activities

I recognize that there are significant risks inherent to participating in rock climbing, bouldering, and rappelling or traveling to sites where such activities are conducted (collectively, the "Ropes Course Program"). I understand that persons with certain medical conditions should not participate in the Ropes Course Program without the advice of a physician.

I also acknowledge that Cross Bar X uses its best judgment in determining how to react to circumstances present in the Ropes Course Program, including physical hazards and a participant's abilities, but may misjudge such circumstances.

I understand that participation in the Ropes Course Program is not required.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDES A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

I, as parent or legal guardian of my son/daughter/ward (“Child”), have examined the program that Cross Bar X Youth Ranch (“Cross Bar X”) offers and I understand that an important part of the program is my Child’s participation in Bible study and church attendance. I encourage such participation. I authorize my Child to participate in numerous adventure experiences on and off the Cross Bar X Youth Ranch premises, including but not limited to camping, hiking, and backpacking; rock climbing, bouldering, and rappelling, participating in high and low ropes courses, and zip lining; peak climbing and mountaineering; rafting, canoeing, kayaking, and water tubing on white water streams and rivers; fishing; swimming in a natural spring fed lake and other recreation in the lake area including but not limited to the use of rope swings and water trampolines; horseback riding; mountain biking; cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snow tubing; handling and firing BB guns; engaging in indoor and outdoor games and individual and team sports including but not limited to broomball, both during daylight hours and at night; participating in other recreational activities in an outdoor setting, including but not limited to archery and activities involving campfires; participating in chores and service activities including but not limited to cleaning Cross Bar X Youth Ranch facilities and caring for livestock and animals; participating in skills classes including cooking, carpentry, knitting, automobile repair, and fitness; utilizing transportation to and from off-site activities; and other activities common to a youth camp, summer camp, or adventure experience or setting.

I will provide medical insurance for my Child for the entire period while at Cross Bar X. Authority is granted without limitation to Cross Bar X, its directors, employees and agents in all medical matters to hospitalize, treat, and order injection, anesthesia, and/or surgery for my Child. I am responsible for advising/providing to Cross Bar X, its directors, employees and agents all pre-existing medical conditions of my Child, out-of-camp medical, surgical, hospital, pharmaceutical, allergy expenses and for providing adequate quantities of necessary medications and allergy serums to Cross Bar X in pharmacy containers with doctor’s instructions. I hereby state that my Child is in good, normal health and has no abnormal physical, emotional or mental handicaps. I understand that Cross Bar X does not provide secondary accident insurance. I understand that I assume full financial responsibility for any medical treatment rendered for myself, or for my Child. I therefore represent that I have and the Child have, adequate health, disability and life insurance, or I have made adequate alternate arrangements for myself and my Child to cover any such expenses.

In consideration of the right to participate in Cross Bar X Youth Ranch activities, I release and agree not to sue Cross Bar X for any and all claims, actions, demands, damages, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever (“Claims”) which may be asserted by or on behalf of myself or my child have as a result of bodily injury, illness, death, damage or loss to person or property which may result from participation in any activity carried out at or by Cross Bar X, including the Equestrian and Ropes Course Programs, whether or not caused by the negligence of Cross Bar X. In addition, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold Cross Bar X harmless from and against any and all liability, loss or damage Cross Bar X may suffer as a result of Claims which may be asserted against Cross Bar X arising out of the activities carried out at Cross Bar X Youth Ranch or by Cross Bar X.

I hereby give Cross Bar X and its representatives and agents absolute permission to use photographs, videotapes and other images, quotations from comment/evaluation forms and voice reproductions of me, or my Child, for any purpose and media, and waive any proprietary, personal or other right to inspect and pre-approve such use. I, on behalf of myself or my Child, also release and hold Cross Bar X and its representatives and agents harmless from any and all claims of blurring or distortion or alteration of such images or voice, whether intentional or otherwise.

I have had a chance to ask questions and seek advice before signing this document.

PARENT

I authorize my child to participate in all camp activities except the following: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPANT

If I attend Cross Bar X Youth Ranch, I agree to the following:

1. I will participate in all activities such as games, sports, lessons, work/chores, and attending church.
2. I will not bring contraband, including valuables, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, electronics, or drugs.
3. I will obey all camp rules and regulations.
4. I will participate in worship sessions and be attentive during Bible lessons.

Camper Applicant Signature _____ Date _____