



GaitWay Therapeutic Horsemanship

HIGHLIGHTED POLICIES:

1. We strongly suggest teenagers be fourteen (14) years of age or older to volunteer.
2. A parent or designated adult must be on the property at all times during the time a student is participation in a class time.
3. GaitWay serves children and adults who are challenged with:
 - a. cognitive disabilities
 - b. physical disabilities
 - c. abuse
 - d. addictions
 - e. behavioral, delinquency
 - f. psychological issues
4. A student must sign several forms including; a general informational page, a physician’s referral statement signed by the attending physician, an emergency medical form, a confidentiality statement, and a liability release. A photo release is optional. These forms are updated annually.
5. A GaitWay Volunteer must sign a registration form which includes; general information, an optional photo release, a statement, a liability release and an emergency medical form. These forms are updated annually.
6. Louisiana has an active equine activities law, which states: Under the *Louisiana law, an equine activity sponsors or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to R.S. 9:2795.1.*

4. For safety, no one is allowed on the ramps; to sit, play or climb on or around the ramp.
5. Siblings must be monitored by a parent or designated adult at all times. Please no running or climbing on fences, arenas or ramps.
6. Ask an instructor prior to taking any pictures or video taping.
7. No dogs allowed.
8. Family member, care giver; once the rider has begun their class time, are invited to observe for the seats provided in the barn aisle.
9. Students must wear long pants and closed toe shoes for their riding class. If a student comes to ride in shorts they take the chance of being pinched and/or blistering their legs). If they are wearing a dress or sandals, they will spend their class time learning in other fashions.
10. Volunteers must wear closed toe shoes. Please wear appropriate clothing to work outside, refraining from wearing revealing clothing or jewelry except for a watch.
11. Hidden Acres phone is not to be abused, necessary calls may be used, remembering that Hidden Acres is a place of business, keeping the length of telephone calls short. Please do not make a long distance calls.
12. PLEASE do NOT feed any of the horses, dogs or cats on the property.
13. PLEASE do NOT reach through any fences to pet the horses.
14. PLEASE remember that we are responsible for leaving Hidden Acres the way we found it. If the rider or a family member or care giver generates damage to the facility they must make financial restitution to the owners of Hidden Acres.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Smoking is prohibited at the Hidden Acres facility.
2. Chewing gum is prohibited at the Hidden Acres facility.
3. Riders are not allowed in the barn or mounting areas unless an instructor is monitoring and the rider has been invited.

I have ready and understand what is written and agree to follow GaitWay Therapeutic Horsemanship’s (hereafter known as GaitWay) rules and policies. I understand and am aware of the Louisiana Equine Liability Act.

Signature of volunteer, rider, parent/legal guardian

Date

Printed name of volunteer, rider, parent/legal guardian

Date

If the volunteer or student is under the age of eighteen (18), a parent or legal guardian MUST sign and date for the minor.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS PAGE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION