PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

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Client No. | Amount paid

☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

Gallop: ☐ Yes ☐ No

A. PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION

Full name | Age | Phone

Email (optional)

Parent/guardian (if minor) | Parent/guardian phone

Emergency contact - name and relationship | Emergency phone

B. ACTIVITY DETAILS

Activity date | Departure time | Primary guide

Package

☐ **1 hr** ☐ **2 hrs** ☐ **3 hrs** ☐ **Moonlight 3 hrs**

Child's assigned guide (ages 6-9, if applicable)

Self-declared riding level

☐ **Beginner** ☐ **Some experience** ☐ **Experienced**

Assigned horse

OPTIONAL PHOTO & VIDEO AUTHORIZATION

Ranch du Paradis may use photos or videos in which I am identifiable on its website, Facebook, Instagram and in digital promotional communications. This choice does not affect my participation.

☐ **I AUTHORIZE this use.** www.RanchDuParadis.ca Facebook Instagram

HELMET OPTION
EXPERIENCED ADULT RIDER 18+



A helmet remains strongly recommended. This option applies only to an experienced rider age 18 or older; the Ranch may require a helmet at any time.

☐ **I choose NOT to wear a helmet despite the recommendation.**

C. CONFIRMATION AND SIGNATURES

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understood the entire reverse side of this form, including the Pre-Ride Checks, the farm animal visit instructions and the Acknowledgement of Risks. I also confirm that the information provided on the front is accurate and consent to participate in the activity under the conditions described.

Participant signature

X _____

Parent/guardian signature (if participant is a minor)

X _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW AND UNDERSTANDING

By signing the front of this form, the participant confirms having carefully reviewed the entire reverse side, understood each of the checks, instructions and risk acknowledgements set out below, and had the opportunity to ask questions before consenting to participate in the activity.

1. PRE-RIDE CHECKS

- ✓ I am at least 6 years old and the information provided on the front is accurate.
- ✓ I understand that a helmet is mandatory for anyone under 18 and for every beginner rider, regardless of age.
- ✓ I confirm that I am not under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, drugs or medication that could impair my ability to participate safely.
- ✓ I understand that the guide determines the gait at all times and I will not trot or gallop my horse without authorization.
- ✓ The Ranch recommends leaving cell phones, wallets, jewellery, bags and other valuables at home or locked out of sight in your vehicle.

2. FARM ANIMALS INCLUDED WITH THE RIDE

The farm animal visit is included with your trail ride and is reserved for participants in the riding activity. You can meet the ranch animals in a supervised setting. For their well-being and your safety, animals may be approached or touched only when a team member is present and gives permission. Guests must not feed the animals or enter an enclosure without permission. Children must remain under the supervision of the adult accompanying them.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

1. Nature of the activity and horse behaviour

Horseback riding, handling horses and being around equines involve inherent risks. A horse is a powerful and unpredictable animal that may move suddenly, spook, kick, bite, step on a foot, rear, bolt or collide. These situations can result in serious injury, permanent disability or, in rare cases, death.

2. Trail, environment and equipment risks

Risks may arise from falls; uneven terrain, rocks, holes, mud, slopes, water, ice or slippery surfaces; branches, fences, vehicles, animals or other obstacles; weather and visibility; and movement, breakage or improper fit of equipment despite checks. Emergency services may be more difficult or slower to reach on the trail. This list is not exhaustive.

3. Children aged 6 to 9

For a participant aged 6 to 9, a suitably sized horse is assigned and an additional guide provides close supervision by keeping the child's horse on a lead line throughout the ride. If more than one child ages 6 to 9 is on the same departure, participation is confirmed only when the required supervision can be assigned to each child.

4. Farm animals and other animals

Farm animals may react unpredictably. Risks can include bites, scratches, kicks, pinches, allergic reactions, falls or slips near enclosures. I will touch animals only with permission and while a team member is present, and I will never feed them.

5. Following instructions and ranch authority

I will follow safety instructions, the guide's directions and rules concerning horses, animals, trails and equipment. Ranch du Paradis may refuse, modify, interrupt or end my participation whenever a circumstance presents a risk to a person or animal.

6. Gaits, helmet and protective equipment

Walking is the primary gait. Trotting and galloping are permitted only when authorized by the guide and are never guaranteed. A helmet is mandatory for anyone under 18 and every beginner rider. For experienced riders 18 or older, a helmet remains strongly recommended and the ranch may require one.

7. Fitness to participate and substances

I confirm that I am able to participate and have disclosed any relevant condition or limitation requiring accommodation or that could affect safety. I confirm that I am not participating under the influence of any substance that could impair judgement, balance, coordination or my ability to follow directions.

8. Personal belongings

I understand that my personal belongings remain my responsibility. Ranch du Paradis is not responsible for the loss, theft or damage of personal belongings I bring onto the property or during the activity, subject to any liability that cannot legally be excluded. I am advised to leave my cell phone, wallet, jewellery, bag and other valuables at home or locked in my vehicle before the ride.

9. Emergency services

If an incident or urgent situation occurs, I authorize Ranch du Paradis to contact emergency services and the emergency contact identified on the front. I understand that the ranch cannot guarantee response times for outside emergency services.