

# Sweet Briar College Riding Program

Box 6, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595

## Agreement for Boarding Horses at Sweet Briar College 2017 - 2018

The main function of the Riding Program is to serve the students of the College by providing an active teaching program with varied riding activities that offer learning experiences and good sport. The entire program is oriented toward the riding and schooling of hunter/jumper and equitation-type horses for showing, field-riding competitions, and other activities. The boarding of private horses whose riders participate in the program is a smaller part of the whole program.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Under the following conditions, the Riding Program of Sweet Briar College gives students the opportunity to have privately owned horses at the College:

**The horse must be suitable to the rider's ability and to achieving the rider's goals within the framework of the Sweet Briar Riding Program.** Most of the riding at Sweet Briar requires a horse schooled to go safely, cooperatively, and obediently in a group/class setting both in the ring and in the field. Most riders should have experienced and schooled horses in order to improve their riding through instruction as well as to gain educational and enjoyable experiences in one of several areas, i.e. showing hunters, equitation, jumpers, field riding, or hacking out on our miles of trails.

Preference for space at the stable will be given to qualified upperclassmen currently involved in the riding program who expect to have their horses at Sweet Briar for the full college year. All students who wish to board their horse must complete a boarding application annually. First-year and transfer students must also submit a short video, 10 minutes maximum, of themselves and their horse walking, trotting, cantering and jumping. It may be footage from a lesson, clinic, or competition if that is easier to obtain. All applications and videos will be reviewed in the order received and we will respond within two weeks of the date we receive the completed application and video. The Director of Riding, with input from the Stable Manager and faculty, will make the final determination as to stall space. Upperclassmen should apply by April 30, 2016, to receive priority for stall space. We have traditionally had space for suitable horses of all students who apply. New students wanting a stall for the fall term should return the boarding application and submit video on or before August 1st.

To maximize the student's experience, the Riding Program must list as generally unacceptable horses that are unsound, mentally upset, soured, and/or rank and horses that are not part of the Riding Program's focus, e.g. higher-level dressage or event horses, unstable/uneducated open jumpers, and gaited horses. The Riding Program will not allow stallions to be boarded at the facility. Tranquilizers are not allowed for riding purposes. Any horse that routinely requires U.S. Equestrian Federation controlled or prohibited medications to appear sound for regular work is also not acceptable. **Bits and tack considered by the Director of Riding to be unnecessarily severe or abusive may not be used. Side reins, draw reins, and the like are generally not permitted for use by students without permission of their instructor. A smooth snaffle and/or a short shank Pelham are generally recommended.** The Stable Manager may consult with the horse's regular veterinarian on questions regarding past health records. Approved, capable riders who have proven that they will devote time to consistent schooling during a six-day week will be given permission to bring green and/or young horses to the College. The establishment of these minimum standards is in the best interest of the majority of students who use the riding spaces and participate in the program.

## Board and Fees

The program offers board with additional options and services available a la carte. Board is charged per academic semester and is billed at the beginning of the term for the entire semester. Fall semester board covers approximately August 15 through December 18, 2017. Spring semester board covers approximately January 15 through May 15, 2018. Horses who remain at the Harriet Rogers Riding Center for the month of the holiday break, December 15, 2017 through January 15, 2018, will be billed as a single month charge at the end of January 2018.

**Full Board** is \$3360.00 a semester (based off of \$30 a day), and includes SBC feed, stall cleaning daily, checking for injury and picking of feet daily, turning the horse out daily (hand walking or lunging in bad weather), minor medical care, blanketing, and supervision. Board **does not** include veterinary fees, equine dentist, worming, shoeing, nursing care beyond five days, grooming, clipping, mane pulling, body clipping or braiding, special feeds or supplements, supplies and instruction.

**Hunter Board** is \$2880 a semester (based off of \$24 a day), and includes SBC feed, stall cleaning daily, checking for injury and picking of feet daily, turning the horse out daily (hand walking or lunging in bad weather), minor medical care, blanketing, and supervision. Board **does not** include veterinary fees, equine dentist, worming, shoeing, nursing care beyond five days, grooming, clipping, mane pulling, body clipping or braiding, special feeds or supplements, supplies and instruction. Students on Hunter board are required to work, for pay, a minimum of 4 hours a week in the stables. This board is limited to 8 students.

**Field Board** is \$2160 a semester (based off of \$18 a day), and includes SBC feed, checking for injury and picking of feet daily, minor medical care, blanketing, and supervision. Horses on field board are turned out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with access to a shelter provided for shade and inclement weather. Board **does not** include veterinary fees, equine dentist, worming, shoeing, nursing care beyond five days, grooming, clipping, mane pulling, body clipping or braiding, special feeds or supplements, supplies and instruction. Students on field board are required to work, for pay, a minimum of 4 hours a week in the stables. This board is limited to 4 students with geldings that get along in a group.

**Instructional fees** for students boarding are reduced as it is expected that those students will ride their horse in lessons and will not need an SBC-owned horse. The semester program fee for boarders, which covers instruction, is \$560. Students who are selected to ride on Sweet Briar's IHSA team will be charged a one-time fee of \$300 for the entire academic year to ride SBC horses as required specifically for participation on the IHSA team.

Horses are fed twice daily with Southern States Legends pellet that is 12% protein and 10% fat with ground flax seed.

All supplements for any boarded horse must be provided by that horse's owner. **Any horse receiving more than one supplement must use the "Smart Pak Equine" system for supplements.** Special feed (any feed different from the Legends 11% pellet and ground flax seed) can be ordered for the student at an additional charge of \$40 per month. If your horse eats more than one special feed, it will cost \$20 for each additional special feed after the first. **The student is expected to groom her own horse (unless she has requested grooming Monday through Friday for an additional fee of \$75 per month).**

Board, medications, transportation, and the options for long day and night turnout, grooming, tack cleaning and special feed will be billed to the student each month. We reserve the right to add a surcharge for unusual expenses i.e. bagged shavings, feeding more than twice daily, etc. Bills are to be paid to the Business Office. In cases where the horse leaves the facility mid-term, no portion of the semester's board will be refunded without the approval of the Director of Riding and Business Office.

**If a student's horse is accepted into the program, a deposit in the amount of \$400 is required to confirm and hold your stall. This deposit is non-refundable, but it will be applied toward your semester's board. Please send this check to the Rogers Riding Center via PO Box 6, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.**

The owner assumes all responsibility and risk while the horse is boarded with the College and does not hold Sweet Briar College, the instructors, or staff responsible in case of permanent disability, death, or theft of the animal. It is recommended that the owner provide her own insurance coverage since the College insurance program does not cover privately owned horses, tack, or equipment. The student must send all insurance information to the Riding Center before the horse arrives. Please complete the “hold-harmless” agreement attached.

## **Student Responsibilities**

**The student must know and obey the rules and regulations of the Riding Program.** In the interest of safety, humane treatment of the animal and the other students in the program, a student is expected to cooperate and to contribute to the Riding Program as a whole and to work her horse under the supervision of an instructor. Any student receiving two warnings for infractions of the rules and regulations may be asked to remove her horse from the Riding Center. Each student must be enrolled in a course or be riding under an approved plan. She should be of at least Hacker rank and should take every opportunity to prepare for and take the Hacker’s test as soon as possible. **The student must be able to pass her Hacker’s level test on her own horse by the end of her first semester boarding at Sweet Briar, or her horse will be ineligible to remain at Sweet Briar without special permission from the Director of Riding.** The student, if qualified, may show, hack out, and participate in other riding activities with the College with permission of her instructor and the Director of Riding.

The Riding Program participates in competitive and other riding events off campus. Students interested sign up for each event, and the instructor makes the final decision as to who will go. On special occasions, a student may transport a horse kept at Sweet Briar College herself, provided the student’s legal guardian, the owner of the vehicle and the owner of the horse (if different from the legal guardian) give specific written permission and the Director of Riding also gives special permission. We want students to have safe travel arrangements, i.e. daylight and a “back-up” plan.

Riding, training, or teaching by non-Sweet Briar instructors, professionals or buyers is ordinarily not allowed while your horse is on Sweet Briar property. Any exception must be cleared with the Director of Riding several weeks in advance. The Riding Program arranges guest instructors and clinicians.

The student is expected to follow a regular schedule of health maintenance for her horse, including shoeing, worming, and dental care. In the event of an emergency, stable staff will attempt to contact the student or owner. If the student or owner is unavailable the stable staff will contact a veterinarian and care for the horse as if it was college owned to ensure the horse is properly treated. The student or owner is responsible for all related fees and should budget accordingly. The care and welfare of the horse is our top priority. If we feel the horse’s care is compromised in any way you may be asked to remove the horse from the facility.

If a student’s horse is injured or ill and needs nursing care that requires 20 or more minutes daily for more than five days, the student is responsible for providing this care. If the student is unable to care for her horse, the stable manager will arrange for a staff member or student assistant to provide this care and the owner will be billed \$10.00 daily. Examples of this type of care include but are not limited to cold hosing, poulticing, and wrapping one or more legs daily in addition to hand walking the horse.

The student may only be at the stable during posted stable hours. Stable hours during the week are typically 7 AM to 7 PM Monday thru Thursday and 7 AM to 6 PM on Friday. Stable hours during the weekend are typically 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. After stable hours, the alarm system in the stable is turned on. For their own safety, students are not allowed to ride or visit their horse after hours.

**Changes in services:** The student **MUST** leave a note in writing or send an e-mail to the Stable Manager for any changes in turnout, grain amounts, shoeing dates, blanketing, veterinary services, medications dispensed, etc. Changes cannot be made without written permission from the student.

The student is expected to regularly exercise her horse, especially the day before each class, and to be responsible for coordinating its exercise and feed. The owner understands that no other student may ride or lunge a privately owned

horse unless enrolled in the Riding Program and then only with the consent of her instructor and a signed blue permission slip for each time.

All tack for the horse, including saddle, bridle, nylon or leather halter with nameplate, cotton lead shank, bandages, and saddle pads, must be supplied by the owner and clearly and permanently labeled with the owner's name prior to arrival at Sweet Briar. Please do not bring a chain shank for daily use for your horse's handling unless the horse needs it for safe control. If your horse does not require a chain, please provide a cotton lead. The owner assumes all responsibility for repairing and accounting for her equipment.

Every student-owned horse is required to have a waterproof turnout blanket and a waterproof turnout sheet. Horses will not be turned out in stable blankets or stable sheets. It is fine to use a light waterproof turnout sheet that will go over stable blankets for turnout. You may have, at any given time, a **MAXIMUM** of **THREE** blankets on your stall for your horse. Any more than three is unsafe for the horse and confusing for the staff. The student is responsible for any blanket repairs that may need to be done. For the safety of the horse, horses will not be turned out in blankets that are not in good repair. Blankets need to be labeled clearly.

**A stable management course**, "Basic Horse Care" (RDPR 169) is **STRONGLY** recommended to be taken and successfully passed by each student with a horse at Sweet Briar. An exemption test is generally available in the first month of classes in each term.

**Shipping**, including arrival and departure, is the full responsibility of the owner. The College assumes no responsibility for loading, unloading, or vanning arrangements. The Riding Program will help coordinate shipping at the end of each college year. No horse may be removed from the stable until all outstanding bills including blacksmith, veterinary and horse-related college bills have been paid.

The Riding Faculty, Stable Manager, and Director of Riding will review all boarding contracts at the end of the fall term. All new boarders will be on a trial period for their first semester. Sweet Briar College reserves the right to send home any horse deemed unsuitable during this trial period. The student will be notified on or before the commencement of Thanksgiving Break if other arrangements must be made because of unsuitability or unsoundness of the horse.

**Summer Boarding**: Sweet Briar College's Riding Center will board horses for students who were enrolled in the Riding Program during the regular term. These horses are generally kept at Sweet Briar to avoid the stress of long-distance shipping for the summer break, and are not typically being kept in work. There is generally no riding instruction or supervision for these boarders unless each student makes arrangements with an instructor who is willing to help with them on their own time. The student will pay this instructor directly for lessons or coaching. In the summer, we also board horses for people in our summer instructional programs and clinics. See separate contract for summer boarding.

## Stable Management Information

Horses are fed in the morning and evening; an extra grain feeding at mid-day is available only in special cases and in consultation with the Stable Manager. The owner will set the amount of feed with consultation from her instructor and the Stable Manager. An additional fee will be charged for the cost of any bedding not commonly used at Sweet Briar.

The student is expected to groom her horse, and clean her own tack. A thorough once-weekly tack cleaning service is available for an additional fee of \$35 per month. Basic grooming is available Monday through Friday for an additional \$75 per month for horses on full board.

Weather and footing permitting, horses are normally turned out individually for one to two hours per day by stable staff. Horses on this type of turnout will be checked and have their feet picked out after they are brought in. With permission from the Stable Manager, students are welcome to supplement this time by turning out their horse in the afternoon and staying around to keep an eye on them. Weather and footing permitting, a longer turnout option of four to six hours is available for boarders at a charge of \$25 per month. Horses on a long day turnout option whose owners have chosen the grooming service (\$75 per month for grooming Monday through Friday) will be groomed before being turned out. Horses on long turnout will be checked and have their feet picked out after they are brought in from turnout. Turnout with a buddy is permitted with permission from the Stable Manager and a signed consent form from the owners. All- night turnout is available, weather and footing permitting, for an extra charge of \$45 per month.

The College uses the services of several competent professionals (farrier, equine dentist, veterinarian, etc.) for the care of SBC horses and makes these services available to private horse owners as well. Please refer to the attached biographical information for professionals currently used by Sweet Briar College. The student is also welcome to choose her own care provider, providing that the student makes arrangements for the visit with the Stable Manager in advance, the appointment is scheduled during regular stable hours, and the student is at the stable to hold her horse.

**Shoeing:** Horses are ordinarily shod every four to six weeks. The staff will be pleased to help you in making shoeing decisions and learning about foot care. The student should meet with the Stable Manager at the beginning of the year to discuss her horse's shoeing schedule. The Stable Manager will then add her horse to the master-shoeing list. Any changes should be discussed with the Stable Manager. Students must be available to hold their horse for the blacksmith the first time the horse is done and on subsequent visits if necessary. If the blacksmith has a question about shoeing the horse and cannot contact the student to ask, the horse will be returned to its stall and shod at a later date, when the owner is present. Special instructions or problems should be discussed with an instructor, the Stable Manager, and the blacksmith, and then entered in the horse's individual file. Blacksmith fees are expected to be paid directly to the blacksmith at the time of shoeing. **All horses must be shod one to three weeks prior to arrival at Sweet Briar, as it is difficult for us to schedule your horse for shoes in the first three weeks of classes.**

**Dentistry:** An equine dentist visits the stable generally in October and April to check and float teeth of all horses. Students are notified of the dates in advance and are encouraged to discuss biting or health concerns with their instructor, the Stable Manager and the dentist. The dentist will check all private and Sweet Briar horses. Work needed will be performed at that time and the student's monthly board bill will be charged. Students must inform the Stable Manager in advance in writing if they do not want their horse checked.

**Veterinarian:** The Riding Program uses several local veterinarians, a chiropractor, and for special consultation, veterinarians in Charlottesville. The veterinarians in Charlottesville necessitate shipping the horse. If we have a group of horses for them to see, they will come to us. The owner may have any veterinarian of her choice for consultation or treatment at any time. Owners are asked to make any requests for a veterinarian through the Stable Manager. Whenever feasible, a veterinarian will administer all internal medications. Sweet Briar stable staff, only in certain situations, will administer internal medications as needed under veterinary supervision unless an owner specifically requests in writing to the Stable Manager on the back of this form that only a veterinarian administer internal medications. Veterinary bills should be paid directly to that veterinarian's office in a timely fashion. Having a credit card and/or blank check on file with our professionals may be required if bills are not paid promptly.

**Inoculations** should be kept up to date while at SBC. Private horse owners are **required** to have the vet booster their horses for Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis when Sweet Briar horses are done, usually in late August, December, and March. **Annual vaccinations should be planned so that your veterinarian at home does them before leaving for Sweet Briar.** We strongly recommend that you plan your horse's vaccination schedule so that it does not receive all of these vaccines at one time or just prior to shipping. **Prior to arrival at Sweet Briar College, we require a current veterinary certificate of:**

1. Influenza vaccine and booster (*booster required every 3 months*)
2. Tetanus vaccine and booster (*required annually*)
3. Eastern and Western Encephalitis vaccine and booster (*required annually*)
4. Rhinopneumonitis vaccine and booster (*required every 3 to 4 months*)
5. Rabies vaccine and booster (*required annually*)
6. Potomac Fever vaccine and booster (*required annually; required semiannually under high alert*)
7. West Nile vaccine and booster (*required semiannually – Spring and Fall*)
8. Strangles (*required annually after initial and booster shots*)
9. Proof of a negative Coggins test **that is valid for the entire academic year**

Please send a copy of your Coggins and proof of vaccinations to the Riding Center by **August 11**, 2017, before the school year begins. Horses without a negative Coggins on file will not be allowed in to the stable.

**Worming:** All horses including private horses will be wormed during the academic year according to the following schedule:

November – Equimax  
March – Ivermectin

A notice will be posted on the board and you will be notified by e-mail prior to each worming with the type of worm medicine. The Stable Manager should be notified in writing of any exceptions for your horse at that time. This schedule has been recommended by our veterinarian to ensure the best health for our horses and the least interruption of your riding schedule. If you would like to alter this plan please see the Stable Manager.

**Veterinary emergencies:** In cases where emergency attention to a sick, lame, or injured horse is deemed necessary, the stable staff is instructed to call the veterinarian at the owner's expense, give immediate pre-vet treatment, contact the Stable Manager and try to contact the student. It is recommended that the stable office be given the number where the owner might be reached. The Stable Manager reserves the right to have any horse tested or evaluated by a licensed veterinarian. Generally, if the student is available, she would be told prior to the examination.

**Veterinary care by stable staff:** If a student's horse is injured or ill and requires a period of nursing care of 20 minutes or more daily **for more than five days**, the student is responsible for providing this care or arranging for SBC staff to care for the horse. There will be a fee charged for veterinary care by Sweet Briar College staff. The cost of veterinary supplies used reflects the actual cost to the College to purchase the medications. These prices intentionally reflect no profit. If the student providing the treatment for her own horse is not carrying it out regularly, on schedule and correctly, then the stable manager will arrange for a staff member to provide this care and the owner will be billed \$10.00 daily.

## **Professionals Used by the Sweet Briar College Riding Program**

### **Veterinarians:**

The Sweet Briar College Riding Program works successfully with several veterinarians. The most frequently used are listed below:

**Dr. Anne Bonda, DVM**, owns Virginia Equine Services in Monroe, Virginia. Dr. Bonda has worked on the racetrack both as a rider and as a veterinarian. She came to Virginia from New Mexico. Her general practice is on call seven days a week.

**Dr. Reynolds Cowles** is both a nationally and internationally known equine practitioner who specializes in lameness from his Blue Ridge Equine Clinic near Charlottesville, Virginia. He has over 35 years of experience working with top show hunters, racehorses, breeding stock, polo ponies and foxhunters. He is a rider himself and he and his wife stand four stallions at their “Albemarle Stud.”

**Dr. Peter Holloway, DVM and farrier**, owns Performance Horse Services in Dyke, Virginia. He travels to Sweet Briar College monthly to shoe several of our horses. He uses his vet skills while doing farrier work on some of the more sensitive horses. He also performs soundness exams including ultrasounds.

**Dr. Martha S. Moses, DVM**, owner of Eclectic Equine Veterinary Services visits as needed through the school year to give chiropractic adjustments and acupuncture treatments to horses in need.

**Dr. Suzanne Shalet, DVM**, owns Allaround Equine Veterinary Care, Inc. in Bedford, Virginia. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Her practice is limited to horses and encompasses all general and preventive care and medicine. Dr. Shalet provides on-call service to Sweet Briar.

### **Equine Dentist:**

Annually, the Riding Center contracts with a qualified equine dentist. Stephanie Surprenant, of ProFloats, works with/under the supervision of Dr. Martha Moses. She examines and floats teeth of horses in need twice per year. Her work helps horses digest feed more effectively and often corrects biting/head “position” problems caused by sore or uneven teeth.

### **Farriers:**

We use several qualified farriers. Their talents and weekly visits to our stable keep our horses sound and working well. Dave Clark, Dr. Peter Holloway, Jenny Mills and Bo Terry have all worked on a variety of horses for our program. We consult regularly with a veterinarian/blacksmith and our own veterinarians for soundness/shoeing help.

**Please keep pages 1 through 7 for your reference**

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**Agreement for Boarding Horses at SBC**

*Please be detailed and accurate in supplying information about your horse and its training level and competitive experience, as well as the goals you hope to accomplish with this horse while at Sweet Briar. This information, along with your video, will be used in determining your horse's acceptance into the program. Incomplete or inaccurate information may result in our exercising our right to send your horse home during the trial period.*

**SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE HORSE: Student Rider Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

A. Name (barn & show name if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Breeding \_\_\_\_\_ How long owned? \_\_\_\_\_

B. What type of board are you applying for: (Please circle one)  
Full Board \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter Board \_\_\_\_\_ Field Board \_\_\_\_\_

C. Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. Current level of schooling and performance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Schooling problems: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

F. What is your plan for your horse if he should come to Sweet Briar College? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

G. Are there any special handling problems, i.e. need tranquilizer for clipping? Need tranquilizer or to be held for shoes? Kick? Crib? Bite? Crosstie easily? Hauling problems, i.e. does not load easily, needs sedation to ship? Prone to colic or had colic surgery?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

H. Are there any soundness issues? \_\_\_\_\_

I. Does your horse require any of the following: joint injections, joint supplements, Adequan, isoxsuprine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

J. Does your horse show on any medications? Bute, banamine, robaxin, etc? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

K. What daily supplements does your horse receive? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to have the horse described above at Sweet Briar College during the 2017-2018 school year. If permission is granted, the horse will arrive at Sweet Briar on approximately \_\_\_\_\_ and will leave on approximately May 15, 2018. **The student/owner agrees to be responsible for assigned stall space for this period.**

**Medications:** I give permission to the Sweet Briar College staff to give medications (including injections) to my horse under the advice and direction of a veterinarian. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunging:** I give permission to the Sweet Briar College staff to lunge my horse for exercise in bad weather or no-turnout situations.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Turnout:** I give permission to Sweet Briar College staff to turn my horse out in any weather (including mud and rain). I will be responsible for any injury sustained during wet turnout conditions. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Signature

**Group Turnout:** I give permission for my horse to be turned out in a paddock with one other horse belonging to a Sweet Briar student. I understand the risks involved in group turnout, and I will be responsible for any injury sustained during a group turnout situation. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Signature

**Extra Services:** Please indicate with a check mark which of the extra services you plan to use. This will help us in planning turnout and scheduling staff. Prices indicate monthly charge.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Special Feeds [ex: Beet Pulp and Alfalfa Cubes] (\$40 for first, \$20 for each additional special feed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grooming (\$75)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tack Cleaning (\$35)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4-6 Hour Day Turnout (\$30) or \_\_\_\_\_ Night Turnout (\$45)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mane Pulling (\$20 each time)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trimming (\$15 each time)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sheath Cleaning (\$35 each time)

If you would like us to discuss your horse’s needs with your current trainer, farrier, vet or another professional please provide their name, phone number, and email address plus any pertinent information in the space provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS PAGE**

**I understand that on receipt of the acceptance letter for my horse, I will have two weeks to return a non-refundable deposit of \$400 to guarantee my stall reservation. This deposit will be applied toward my board for that semester.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse Owner (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The owner assumes all responsibility and risk while the horse is boarded with the College and does not hold Sweet Briar College, the instructors, or staff responsible in case of permanent disability, death, or theft of the animal. It is recommended that the owner provide her own insurance coverage since the College insurance program does not cover privately owned horses, tack, or equipment. The student must send all insurance information to the Riding Center before the horse arrives. Please complete the "hold-harmless" agreement attached.

*I have read the above statement and the preceding policies of this contract and agree to uphold them. I understand that my horse must arrive with a negative Coggins test valid for the entire school year, proof of appropriate shots, and labeled equipment. I fully understand that if I fail to comply with the above, or if my horse is considered unsuitable, I forfeit the privilege of keeping a horse at Sweet Briar. My signature indicates my agreement to be responsible for the assigned stall space for the entire academic year. I understand that if I choose to move my horse prior to the end of the academic year, I must notify the Director of Riding two weeks prior to my horse's removal and that I will be responsible for the boarding fee for the remainder of the semester.*

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner/Co-Owner, if not above)

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director of Riding)

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS PAGE**

## Shipping Release Form

**Shipping done by Sweet Briar:**

I give the Sweet Briar College Riding Program, its employees, representatives, or agents permission to ship my horse for planned activities and in case of an emergency. I assume all risk of, and agree to hold harmless Sweet Briar College from and against any and all loss, damage, injury, or death to person, animal, or property, by whatever cause, including any vehicle failure, act or omission, negligent or otherwise on the part of Sweet Briar College, its employees, representatives, or agents, or on the part of any other person arising from the loading, transport, and unloading of my horse during the period of this agreement.

Please sign that you agree with the above statement.

**Participant:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (if other than Student)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping done by the horse owner and/or student:**

I understand that if I independently ship my own horse to and from the SBC Riding Center that I do so at my own risk. I will not be under the supervision of the SBC Riding Center's faculty and staff if a problem should occur.

**Participant:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (if other than Student)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS PAGE**

**EQUINE ACTIVITY RELEASE / WAIVER,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNIFICATION  
AGREEMENT (the "Agreement")**

I, as participant or parent or guardian of participant, acknowledge that equine activities are athletic activities that pose potentially serious risk of injuries or death to participants in equine activities. I acknowledge that there are certain intrinsic dangers or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to, (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability (collectively, "Intrinsic Dangers of Equine Activities"). I understand that participants in equine activities may be injured or killed as a result of their own negligence, the negligence of others or through no fault of participant or anyone else.

In consideration of Sweet Briar College ("the College") allowing participant to participate in equine activities at the College, on behalf of myself and my heirs, successors, and assigns I hereby release and waive any rights to make any claim against the College, its employees, agents and representatives for any loss, damage, injury, or death to person or property sustained by participant in equine activities by any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to, (i) the Intrinsic Dangers of Equine Activities; (ii) the experience level of any participant; (iii) a known or unknown health condition of any participant; and/or (iv) the condition and age of equipment or tack. I hereby acknowledge and assume all of the foregoing risks and any other risks inherent in equine activities and accept complete responsibility for making any and all examinations or inspections relating to those risks and any other potential risks of recreational activities, and I agree and understand that Sweet Briar College shall have no responsibility whatsoever to make any such examination or inspection. I further assume all risk of participating in equine activities, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Sweet Briar College, its employees, representatives and agents from and against, all of the foregoing claims and any and all loss, damage, injury, or death to person or property by whatever cause including any act or omission negligent or otherwise, on the part of the College, its employees, representatives or agents, or on the part of any other person arising from or related to participation in equine activities.

With this waiver, I accept notice of the provisions of the Virginia Equine Activity Liability Act, Va. Code §§ 3.1-796.130 through 133. This waiver shall remain valid unless and until revoked in writing by the participant or the parent or guardian of any minor signing below, with receipt acknowledged by the College.

I hereby certify that the statements and representations in this Agreement are being made by me knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, and I understand that the College is expressly relying upon the foregoing statements and representations in permitting my/my child's participation in any equine activities.

**Participant:**

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS PAGE**

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN RELEASE, WAIVER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**

I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor. On the behalf of myself, the minor, and all other parents or guardians of minor, and the respective heirs, successors, and assigns of each, I accept, acknowledge, and agree to the release, indemnification and waiver of liability contained in this Agreement as inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to participate in equine activities at or through the College and I execute this Agreement on behalf of the participant and my own behalf.

In the event that participant is injured while participating in equine activities at the College, I hereby give my permission to any physician and any health care facility to render any appropriate medical care to the participant, including but not limited to hospitalization, tests, medication, anesthesia and surgery. A copy (including facsimile) of this Authorization shall have the same effect as the original.

**Participant:**

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Student: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)

**ADULT EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION**

In the event that I am rendered unable to communicate by an emergency or accident while participating in equine activities at the College, I hereby give my permission to any physician and any health care facility to render any appropriate medical care to the participant, including but not limited to hospitalization, tests, medication, anesthesia and surgery. A copy (including facsimile) of this Authorization shall have the same effect as the original.

**Participant:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date Signed)