Sweet Briar College Riding Program

Box 6, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595

Agreement for Boarding Horses at Sweet Briar College
2022-2023

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. 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 upperclasswomen 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 Managers and faculty, will make the final determination as to stall space. Upperclasswomen should apply by May 13, 2022, to receive priority for stall space. Space is limited!

To maximize the student’s experience, the Riding Program must list as generally unacceptable horses that are unsound, unsafe, mentally upset, soured, and/or rank and horses that are not part of the Riding Program’s focus, e.g. upper-level dressage 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, gag bits, elevator bits, other severe bits 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. Payment for board is due upon receipt of the bill. Fall semester board covers approximately August 19 through December 18, 2022. Spring semester board covers approximately January 6 through May 13, 2023. Horses who remain at the Harriet Rogers Riding Center for the holiday break, December 19, 2022 through January 5, 2023, will be billed a single charge of $840.00 on December 20, 2022. Full board is the only boarding option available during the holiday break.

**Full Board** for Fall 2022 is **$4445.00** and for Spring 2023 is **$4445.00**, and includes SBC feed, daily stall cleaning, 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** for Fall 2022 is **$3302.00** and Spring 2023 is **$3302.00**, and includes SBC feed, daily stall cleaning, 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.

**RDPR 169 Basic Horse Care (BHC),** a lecture course on horse care, is **STRONGLY recommended** to be taken by each student with a horse at Sweet Briar.

**Beginning in the Fall of 2020, any student wanting to board a horse on Hunter Board will be required to take this course or pass the exemption test prior to being allowed on Hunter board.** If space allows, new students in their first semester are eligible to apply for hunter board. They will be required to take the BHC course or exempt the course during that first semester. If the student is unable to exempt or doesn’t pass the course they will be switched to Full Board for
the following semester. The Basic Horse Care Course is taught each fall and an exemption test is offered generally at the beginning of each semester as well.

**The following services are available for an additional a la carte fee.**
- Special Feeds $50 plus the cost of the feed (if available at Southern States Farmville Co-Op), $50 and purchased and supplied by the student if unavailable from the Southern States Farmville Co-Op.
- Basic Grooming -$75 - Brushing and picking feet Monday - Friday
- Tack Cleaning - $35 - Once weekly thorough cleaning.
- Turnout - **Long Day** - 4-6 Hours $50 or **Night Turnout** - $65 (a limited number of paddocks are available for both of these options on a first come / first serve basis)

**Instructional fees** are the same for all riders whether they are boarding a horse on campus or riding an SBC horse. Please see the college catalog for those fees.

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. Horses with **UNPAID Board Bills** will not be allowed to continue boarding. In cases where the horse leaves the facility before the end of the term, no portion of the semester’s board will be refunded without the approval of the Director of Riding and Business Office.

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.

If a student’s horse is accepted into the program, a deposit in the amount of $600 is required to confirm and hold your stall. This deposit is non-refundable, but it will be applied toward your semester’s board. **Deposits are due by July 1, 2022.** Please send this check made out to “Sweet Briar College” to the following address with Board deposit listed in the memo area of the check: Sweet Briar College, % Rogers Riding Center, PO Box 6, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

**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 will be asked to remove her horse from the Riding Center. Students must be enrolled in a riding activity course. 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. Interested students 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 exceptions 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. All veterinary, farrier and dentist bills should be paid directly to the professional contractor 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.

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 7 AM to 7 PM Monday thru Thursday and 7 AM to 6 PM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during classes. 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 in the stables, paddocks or fields. Over breaks and holidays, the stable hours are 7 AM to 4 PM Monday through Sunday.

**Changes in services:** The student MUST leave a note in writing or send an email to the Stable Managers 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.

**Tack rooms and Storage:** All tack for each boarded horse MUST be supplied by the owner and clearly labeled. This includes saddle, bridle, nylon or leather halter with nameplate, cotton lead shank, bandages, and saddle pads, etc. The owner assumes all responsibility for repairing and accounting for her equipment. Tack rooms and tack trunks must be kept organized. Each Private horse owner will have room for one trunk per horse in the West storage room. Trunks need to have your name on them. Extra items, must be kept in your trunk or in a storage container placed on top of your trunk.

Those who have a horse boarded in the hunter barn, may keep 1 small tack trunk in your assigned area of the tack room. The trunk cannot be larger than 37” x 23” x 23”. All other equipment must be stored in West Storage.

Each boarder will have one saddle rack and one bridle rack per horse. Tack should be cleaned daily. Your laundry must be stored in your trunk. Please remember that your laundry and having clean tack is your responsibility. As a private horse owner, you may do your own laundry at the hunter barn within the stable hours using your own detergent. You must be present while the laundry is being done.

**Boots and Blankets:** Boots for your horse for turnout must be kept on the horse’s stall. Boots for riding must be kept in your tack trunk.
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. 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 or overnight in blankets that are not made for this use. Blankets need to be labeled clearly. **Dress sheets, coolers, scrim sheets, etc. must be stored in trunks.**

**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 board, blacksmith, veterinary and horse-related college bills have been paid.

All boarded horses will be on a trial period for their first semester. The Riding Faculty, Stable Managers, and Director of Riding will review all boarding contracts at the end of the term. Sweet Briar College reserves the right to send home any horse deemed unsuitable during this trial
period. During the Fall semester, the student will be notified on or before the commencement of Thanksgiving Break if other arrangements must be made because of unsuitability of the horse. If during the spring semester a horse is deemed unsuitable to come back to campus for the upcoming fall, the owner will be notified on or before the beginning of the spring three-week session.

**Summer Boarding:** If interested in summer Boarding please see the Director of Riding by April 1st to discuss options.

**Stable Management Information**

**Feed:** Horses are fed in the morning and evening with Southern States Legends Carbcare Performance pellet (12% protein, 10% fat and 18% fiber), Southern States Legends Carbcare Senior pellet (14% protein, 7% fat and 18% fiber), Hygain Zero (15% protein, 4% fat, 35% fiber) or Hygain Balanced (25% protein, 4% fat, 10% fiber). We also feed Haystretch, a forage replacement.

- An extra grain feeding at midday or as a late night meal is available only in special cases and in consultation with the Stable Managers.
- Special feed (any feed different from the Legends Carbcare Performance, Legends Carbcare Senior pellets, Hygain Zero, Hygain Balanced, or Haystretch) that can be ordered from Southern States Farmville Co-Op (Please contact by phone (434) 392-4192 to ask the Co-Op about specific feeds) will incur a $50 Special Feed charge in addition to the student being billed for the cost of the special feed. Any student requesting a feed that is not available at the Southern States Farmville Co-Op will be required to pay the $50 special feed charge and will be required to purchase and supply their own feed.
- Supplements must be provided by the horse’s owner. Any horse receiving more than one supplement must use the “Smart Pak Equine” system for supplements. If supplements are not available in Smart Pak, the student needs to make baggies for their horse - owner needs to make sure they stay stocked.

**Turnout:** 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. Turnout is based on a first come first served basis, so turn in your forms early. Weather and footing permitting, a long day turnout option of four to six hours is available for a limited number of boarders at a charge of $50 per month. A limited number of boarders may request night turnout, weather and footing permitting, for an extra charge of $65 per month. Turnout with a buddy is permitted with permission from a Stable Manager and a signed consent form from the owners. With permission from a Stable Manager, students are welcome to supplement turnout time by turning out their horse in the afternoon and staying around to keep an eye on them.

**Grooming and care:** The student is expected to groom her horse, and clean her own tack. Please refer to Pg. 2, Additional Fees, if you are interested in the available grooming and tack cleaning services.

**Inoculations** must 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 coming to 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. Strangles (*required annually after initial and booster shots*) *If your horse is receiving this vaccine for the first time, the horse will not be allowed to arrive on campus until after they have received their 3-week booster. For this reason, we remind students that horses should receive their first strangles vaccine a minimum of three weeks in advance of planned travel to SBC.*
2. Influenza vaccine and booster (*required every 6 months*)
3. Rhinopneumonitis vaccine and booster (*required every 6 months*)
4. Tetanus vaccine and booster (*required annually*)
5. Eastern and Western Encephalitis vaccine and booster (*required annually*)
6. Rabies vaccine and booster (*required annually*)
7. Potomac Fever vaccine and booster (*required annually; required semiannually under high alert*)
8. West Nile vaccine and booster (*required semiannually – Spring and Fall*)
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 **July 22, 2021**. Horses without a negative Coggins on file or without up to date inoculations will not be allowed in the stable.

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

- March – Quest Plus
- June – Zimecterin Gold
- September – Strongid
- November – Equimax

A notice will be posted on the board and you will be notified by email 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.

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, a 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 two weeks prior to arrival at Sweet Briar, as it is difficult for us to schedule your horse for shoes in the first two 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. Dentistry bills should be paid directly to the dentist in a timely fashion. 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.

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. Students are permitted to bring in their own veterinarians and are responsible for scheduling that with the barn manager. The most frequently used are listed below:

**Blue Ridge Equine Clinic** near Charlottesville, Virginia, is a full service equine veterinary clinic. They cover everything from routine equine health care to many types of equine surgery, lameness diagnosis and treatment, arthroscopy, upper respiratory procedures and other soft tissue and orthopedic treatments.

**Dr. Anne Bonda, DVM**, owns Enchanted Knoll Veterinary, LLC 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. 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 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 stables 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/farrier and our own veterinarians for soundness/shoeing help. Students can bring in their own farrier and should discuss scheduling with the barn manager.
Agreement for Boarding Horses at Sweet Briar College
Please read, sign and return the following pages.

STUDENT NAME:  

STUDENT CELL PHONE NUMBER:  

Owner Information (if different than student):
Owner Name:  
Owner’s Cell Phone Number:  

Boarding Request Type:  FULL ☐  HUNTER ☐

General Information:
Horse Show Name:  
Horse Barn Name:  

Gender (Mare or Gelding)  Age  Color

Height  Breed  How long have you owned?

Trainer Name  Phone Number

Please describe your horse’s current level of experience:

Please describe any schooling issues your horse may currently be working through:

What are your plans with your horse while riding at Sweet Briar?
Does your horse have any soundness issues?

Does your horse get monthly injections (examples: Adequan, Depo, Glucosamine, Legends)? If so, how often and who administers these injections?

Does your horse receive treatments such as: joint injections, chiropractic, magnawave? If so, how often?

Does your horse show on any medications such as: Bute, Banamine, Robaxin?

Please include any other information about your horse you would like us to know:

Is your horse insured:  Yes □  NO □
Name of Insurance Company:  Phone Number:

Policy Number:
What type of feed does your horse eat?  How much feed do they receive each feeding?

We feed Legends Carbcare Performance Pellet (12% protein, 10% fat and 18% fiber) and Legends Carbcare Senior Pellet (14% protein, 7% fat and 18% fiber).

Do you want your horse on our regular feed?  YES ☐ NO ☐

Which feed would you want your horse on?

If you want your horse on a special feed that can be ordered from Southern States Farmville Co-Op (Please contact by phone (434) 392-4192 to ask the Co-Op about specific feeds) will incur a $50 Special Feed charge in addition to the student being billed for the cost of the special feed. Any student requesting a feed that is not available at the Southern States Farmville Co-Op will be required to pay the $50 special feed charge and will be required to purchase and supply their own feed.

What type of feed would you like your horse on?

What Type of Turnout would you prefer? (Circle One)

Regular (1-2 hours per day)

Long Day (4-6 hours per day) Limited Availability - $5/month

Night Turnout (6PM – 7AM) Limited Availability - $65/month

Does your horse wear any boots or special equipment during turnout?

Does your horse have any special turnout habits? (Runs, plays over the fence, hard to catch?)

When the weather isn’t sunny, we do turn our horses out in light precipitation and some mud. Would you want your horses turned out in rain or mud?  YES ☐ NO ☐

Most student owned horses get turned out alone. Sometimes buddy turnout is wanted. We can’t guarantee a buddy for turnout but we would like to know if this is an option you might want or need.

Do you want your horse turned out alone or with a buddy? Alone ☐ With a buddy ☐

What kind of shoes does your horse wear?
Will your horse stand quietly on crossties for the farrier?  YES □ NO □

What supplements (if any) does your horse receive in their feed?

(We recommend using SmartPaks if they offer your supplements. If your horse gets more than one supplement, and they aren’t offered by Smartpak, we require students to portion them out and replenish them in a timely manner.)

Is your horse prone to colic or have had colic surgery?  YES □ NO □
If yes, please explain:

Does your horse have allergies?  YES □ NO □
If yes, please explain:

  Does your horse crosstie?  YES □ NO □
  Can your horse be next to a mare? In a Stall  YES □ NO □
  Can your horse be next to a mare? In a Pasture  YES □ NO □
  May your horse have a chain over his nose if necessary?  YES □ NO □
  Does your horse crib?  YES □ NO □
  Does your horse kick or bite?  YES □ NO □

Any special handling issues, i.e. need tranquilizer for clipping? Need tranquilizer or to be held for shoes?  YES □ NO □

Any special shipping problems (does not load easily, needs sedation to ship)  YES □ NO □

Would you like either of the following services:
  Tack Cleaning – 1x a week cleaning (charge is $35/month)  YES □ NO □
  Basic Grooming – Monday-Friday (charge is $75/month)  YES □ NO □

I agree to the above choices I have made regarding options and services and understand that I must make any change from the above choice in writing (email) to the Stable Manager.

__________________________  ___________________________
Student Signature  Parent Signature (if student is a minor)

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Owner Signature (if other than student or parent)
PLEASE READ, SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE

Student Name: ___________________________ Horse Name: ___________________________

**Vaccinations:** Your horse is required to be on the same vaccination schedule as all SBC horses as outlined in your boarding agreement. Fall shots must be given prior to your horse’s arrival (including boosters) and spring shots will be given by our attending veterinarian in March. Please acknowledge that you accept this requirement and give permission for the SBC attending veterinarian to give your horse any vaccinations required by signing below.

Yes Owner Signature: ________________________

No Owner Signature: ________________________

**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 Owner Signature: ________________________

No Owner 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 Owner Signature: ________________________

No Owner Signature: ________________________

**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 Owner Signature: ________________________

No Owner 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 Owner Signature: ________________________

No Owner Signature: ________________________

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 & their profession ________________________

Phone Number ________________________

Email Address ________________________

Information we should discuss: ________________________

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I would like to have the horse described above at Sweet Briar College during the 2022-2023 school year. If permission is granted, the horse will arrive at Sweet Briar on approximately August 19, 2023 and will leave on approximately May 13, 2023. The student/owner agrees to be responsible for assigned stall space for this period.

I understand that on receipt of the acceptance letter for my horse, I will make a non-refundable deposit of $600 to guarantee my stall reservation. This deposit is due by July 17, 2021 and will be applied toward my board for that semester.

Student Name: ___________________________ Birth Date: ________________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________

Telephone: _______________________________ E-mail: _______________________

Parent(s) or Guardian Name (if student is a minor): __________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________

Telephone: _______________________________ E-mail: _______________________

Horse Owner (if different than student):

Owner Name: _________________________________________________________

Owner Home Address: _________________________________________________

Owner Telephone: _______________________________ Owner 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)
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) _______________________

Signature: ____________________________
Print Name: __________________________
Relationship To Student: __________________________
(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 of my own free will. I will not be under the supervision of the SBC Riding Center 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 different from 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 my 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:**  
Signature: ___________________________  
Print Name: ___________________________  
Birth Date: ___________________________  
(Date Signed) ___________________________  

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**  
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 Sweet Briar College ("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:

Signature: ______________________________________
Print Name: _____________________________________
Birth Date: ________________________________
Date Signed) ________________________________

Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Signature: ______________________________________
Print Name: _____________________________________
Relationship To Student: __________________________
(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 me 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:) ________________________________