

Thomas School of Horsemanship  
 250 Round Swamp Rd. Melville, New York 11747  
 PHONE 631-692-6840 FAX 631-692-9536

**RIDE SCHOOL 2008- 2009 APPLICATION**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Year Lessons</b> are available to Riders 9 Years old and older including Adults	38 Lessons - 1 hour lessons Sunday series- 30 1 hour lessons	Tuition: \$1696 Tuition: \$1340
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fall and Spring Lessons</b> are Available for Ages 5- 9 yrs old	10 Lessons ½ hour with 3 riders or 10 Lessons 45 minutes with up to 6 riders	Tuition: \$450
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Private Lessons</b> are available to all but more advanced riders are given first option for the lessons times available. We recommend group lessons for most levels of riders since it gives more time in the saddle.	10 Lessons ½ hour	Tuition: \$590

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate what **Riding Level** you were at during your last lesson series:  
 Beginner    Indiv Trot    Group Trot    Beg. Canter    Canter    Beg Jump    Jump X-Rails Course    Jump Courses

**Days preferred: Please CIRCLE Preferred Days and CROSS OUT Impossible Days** for lessons:  
 Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday    Sunday

Earliest time available for lessons \_\_\_\_\_ Latest time available for lessons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day & Time of last series of lessons at TSH or Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Most Recent Past Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father Wk Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mother Wk Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPOSIT: \$100 DEPOSIT REQUIRED**

**TUITION PAYMENT:** Fall and Spring Riders: **Please Bring Balance Due at Your First Lesson.**

Full Year Students can divide tuition into two payments. First payment at first lesson. Second half in January.

**MAKE UP POLICY:** TSH must be notified IN ADVANCE of absence in order to be eligible for a make-up.

Full year students are eligible for 3 make-ups.

Fall, Spring and Private Lessons are eligible for 1 personal make- up. The instructor will run one makeup at the end of the series as the make up lesson.

If notified IN ADVANCE, you may also schedule make-ups for lessons missed due to religious holidays.

**CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The first rainy day- the lesson will take place as an unmounted lesson in the barn- teaching good barn horsemanship. Any more rainy days will be made up by the instructor adding one more lesson at the end. Therefore, DO NOT SIGN UP FOR A MAKE UP LESSON FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.

**REFUND POLICY:** Notification of cancellation must be made IN WRITING to TSH. Cancellations prior to the start of lessons are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. Cancellations after the series begin are subject to \$100 cancellation fee.

\*\*\*\* **CHANGES:** More than one requested change of lesson time/Day will incur a \$25 change fee.

**RIDING GEAR:** ASTM approved helmets are required of all riders. Proper footwear required - Boot with a smooth, thin sole and a definite heel. Work boots or sneakers are not acceptable. Riding pants or fitted leggings/jeans required.

**NO ONE CAN BE ENROLLED WITHOUT AN APPLICATION WITH SIGNATURE ON THE BACK AND A \$100 DEPOSIT.**

**Please fill in insurance information on back.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Deposit Amount _____	Check # _____	Entry Date _____	Date Requested _____
Deposit Date _____	ID# _____	Cancelled _____	Refund _____

PHOTO RELEASE: We give our permission for Thomas School to use any photos of our child(ren) for any photographic materials.

**CAMP AND RIDING INSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE**

**THOMAS SCHOOL OF HORSMANSHIP SUMMER DAY CAMP, 250 Round Swamp Rd., Melville, NY, hereinafter known as "THIS SCHOOL"**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

**SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR or YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY.**

**THIS SCHOOL CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.**

A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT PURPOSE:** In consideration of the payment of a fee and the signing of this agreement, We, the parents of the minors listed on the registration form on the opposite side, do hereby voluntarily request and agree to our children's participation in riding, at THIS SCHOOL, and that this STUDENT will either ride his/her own horse, or school horses provided by THIS SCHOOL for instructional purpose, today and on all future dates.

B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE AND TERRITORY AND DEFINITIONS:** This agreement shall be legally binding upon the registered STUDENT and the parents or legal guardians thereof if a minor, my heirs, estate, assigns, including all minor children, and personal representatives; and it shall be interpreted according to the laws of New York State and Suffolk County. Any disputes by the rider shall be litigated in, and venue shall be in Suffolk County. If any clause, phrase, or word is in conflict with state law, then that single part is null and void. The term "HORSE" herein shall refer to all equine species. The term "HORSEBACK RIDING" herein shall refer to riding or otherwise handling of horse, ponies, mules, or donkeys, whether from the ground or mounted. The terms "CAMPER" and/or "RIDER" shall herein refer to a person who rides a horse mounted or otherwise handles or comes near a horse from the ground. The term "I/WE" shall herein refer to the riding school student or parents of the registered student on the opposite side.

C. **ACTIVITY RISK CLASSIFICATION:** I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT: Horseback riding is classified as RUGGED ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY, and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risk always present in such activity despite all safety precautions. According to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems of United States Consumer Products) horse activities rank approximately 64th among the activities of people relative to injuries that result in a stay at U.S. hospitals. Related injuries can be severe requiring more hospital days and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities.

D. **NATURE OF THIS SCHOOL'S HORSES:** I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SCHOOL chooses its school horses for their calm dispositions and sound basic training as is required for use for use for STUDENT RIDERS and THIS SCHOOL follows a rigid safety program. Yet, no riding horse is a completely safe horse. Horses are 5 to 15 times larger, 20 to 40 times more powerful, and 3 to 4 times faster than a human. If a rider falls from horse to ground it will generally be a distance of from 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 feet, and the impact may result in injury to the rider. Horseback riding is the only sport where one much smaller, weaker predator animal(human) tries to impose its will on, and become one unit of movement with, another larger, stronger prey animal with a mind of its own (horse) and each has a limited understanding of the other. If a horse is frightened or provoked it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to : Stopping short; Changing directions or speed at will; Shifting its weight; Bucking, Rearing, Kicking, Biting, or Running from danger.

E. **RIDER RESPONSIBILITY:** I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT: Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins the rider is in primary control of the horse. The rider's safety largely depends upon his/her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his/her ability to remain balanced aboard the moving animal.

F. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE AND INSPECTION OF PREMISES:** I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SCHOOL is NOT responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some other unsafe way. SOME EXAMPLES ARE: Thunder, lightening, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects, reptiles, which may walk, run, or fly near, or bite or sting a horse or person; and irregular footing on out-of-doors groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and man-made changes in landscape. WE have inspected THIS SCHOOL'S facilities and are satisfied that all premise conditions are reasonably safe for rider's intended purpose, usage, and presence upon THIS SCHOOL'S PREMISES.

G. **SADDLE GIRTHS/NATURAL LOOSENING:** I / WE UNDERSTAND THAT Saddle girths (saddle fasteners around horse's belly) may loosen during a ride. If a rider notices this he/she must alert the riding instructor as quickly as possible so action can be taken to avoid slippage of saddle and a potential fall from the animal.

H. **ACCIDENT/MEDICAL INSURANCE:** WE AGREE THAT: Should emergency medical treatment be required, WE and/or my own accident/medical insurance company shall pay for all such incurred expenses.  
My accident/medical insurance company is \_\_\_\_\_ and my policy number is \_\_\_\_\_.

I. **ASTM APPROVED PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IS REQUIRED:** I/WE AGREE: to purchase protective headgear which meets or exceeds the quality standards of the SEI CERTIFIED ASTM STANDARD F 1163 Equestrian Helmet. It will be worn while riding and being near horses and WE do understand that the wearing of such headgear at these times may reduce the severity of some of the wearer's head injuries and possibly prevent the wearer's death from happening as the result of a fall and other occurrences.

J. **LIABILITY RELEASE:** I/WE AGREE THAT: In consideration of THIS SCHOOL allowing myself or our child's participation in these riding activities, under the terms set forth herein, I or WE, the parents, for ourselves and on behalf of our child(ren) and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release, and discharge THIS SCHOOL, its owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises and trails, affiliated organizations, and Insurers, and others acting on its behalf(hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Associates"), of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to THIS SCHOOL'S and/or ITS ASSOCIATES ordinary negligence; and I or WE, the parents, do further agree that except in the event of THIS SCHOOL'S gross negligence and willful and wanton misconduct, WE shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions and causes of action, against THIS SCHOOL and ITS ASSOCIATES as stated above in this clause, for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me and/or my minor child or legal ward in relation to the premises and operations of THIS SCHOOL, to include while riding, handling, or otherwise being near horses owned by or in the care, custody and control of THIS SCHOOL, or participating in any of the school activities, whether on or off the premises of THIS SCHOOL.

**RIDERS OVER 21 OR Parents or Legal Guardians must sign below after reading this entire document:**

**SIGNER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS**

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. WE FURTHER ATTEST THAT ALL FACTS RELATING THE CAMPER'S PHYSICAL CONDITION, EXPERIENCE, & AGE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE.

SIGNATURE ( If under 21- Father must sign ) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (If under 21 – Mother must sign) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_